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Now that their fights are over, Ginji and Ban head over to the auction to retrieve the Venus de Milo. With a ploy nothing short of typical for this team, the GetBackers escape with their prize. But, alas, there is never enough cash to go around, so the GetBackers quickly take up a job to retrieve a diamond ring from a hot spring... where the women must be seen to be believed. If that wasn't enough to drive Ban and Ginji bananas, they are pulled onto a case involving missing children and an eerie card game that not only predicts the future—it affects it!

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Jubei, can
we go home
yet...?

Intense concentration

The dog
watch
is cur-
tailed!

No...
These
jokes are
worse
than
Emishi's...

The store
next door
to the door
(fore) the
next door
(store)!

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Story Thus Far:

Ginji Amano can amplify and control electromagnetic waves. Ban Mido has the power to create illusions in people's minds for one minute. Together they are the GetBackers, a retrieval agency whose motto is "We get back what shouldn't be gone." For the right price, they'll recover anything that's been taken.

Only the GetBackers stand in the way of Miss Hela's plan for personal vengeance upon the Venus de Milo, the statue whose perfect beauty seduced her artist boyfriend's attentions away from her. She plans to auction off the Venus' rediscovered missing arms, but Clayman has hired Ban and Ginji to retrieve them before a display of the arms attached to a Venus replica can tarnish the statue's beauty forever. Adding an underworld twist to the art auction, the replica body is actually made entirely of a superdrug called Aphrodite, and drug kingpin Liu Mengyan is using the whole charade as a front for the drug deal of the century!

Shido and Emishi were hired to retrieve the body before that could happen, so they augment Ban and Ginji's side, but standing against them are the soul-sharing Miroku family, who want to kill Ban, and the soulless Akabane, who's not picky about targets. Ginji and Ban have just pulled some good tricks, but is that going to be enough to evade their deadly opponents and make it to the auction before it's too late? The show's about to begin...the lights are on, the cameras are rolling, and the world is watching!

Miroku Family

A mysterious Protector family of seven congruent souls. Facing Ginji in Lightning Lord form, even the strongest member, Yukihiro, was defeated.

Miss Hela

Miroku's and Akabane's client. She hired them to protect the Venus de Milo's missing arm.

Mr. Liu

His full name is Liu Mengyan, and he's one of the biggest crime bosses of Underground Shinjuku. Using the art auction as a cover, he's trying to sell a massive quantity of his new drug, Aphrodite.

Himiko Kudo

(Nickname: Lady Poison)

A witch who fights using her seven poison perfumes. She and her brother once worked alongside Ban as Plunderers.

Juubei Kakei

(Nickname: Juubei of the Flying Needles)

Former Volts member and Kazuki's best friend. Master of Kakei Needle Jutsu, he uses throwing needles as weapons.

Character Introductions

Kuroudo Akabane

(Nickname: Dr. Jackal)

With murder as his hobby, he's the best and most despicable Transporter around. He hides deadly scalpels within his body and slices his enemies to pieces. Hired by Miss Hela, he's ready to stand firm in Ban and Ginji's way.

Kazuki Fuuchouin

(Nickname: Kazuki of the Strings)

One of the former Four Emperors of the Volts. A master of Fuuchouin Style String Jutsu and also the one survivor of the Fuuchouin main house.

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Ban Mido

(Nickname: The Man with the Evil Eye)

Besides the fact that he's one quarter German, little is known about his origins. He has two special abilities: the Evil Eye, which allows him to show an opponent an illusion for one minute, and his Snakebite Grip, which can rip anything apart with its 200 kg per square cm force.

Ginji Amano

(Nickname: Lightning Lord)

Raised in Infinity Fortress, he's the former leader of the most powerful gang in Underground Shinjuku, the Volts. His power is the ability to emit high-voltage electricity.

Clayman

Ban and Ginji's client. A thief who specializes in art robbery.

Haruki Emishi

(Nickname: The Bloody Joker)

Hired by Hevn to work alongside Shido, he is competing with the GetBackers in the retrieval job. Descendant of the ancient Rouran Kingdom and a master of the Rouran Dancing Whip.

Shido Fuyuki

(Nickname: Beastmaster)

A survivor of an aboriginal clan, the Mariudo, who can talk to and control animals. He can gain animal abilities using a technique known as Beast Mimicry.

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...THE
GET-
BACKERS!

THIS
ROUND
GOES
TO...

Hired to retrieve the mysterious lost arms of the
Venus de Milo, the GetBackers storm the
Mafia base Battleship Island...

Surviving each of their individual
battles, the group gets ready to put
Ban's plan into action!

LOOKS
LIKE I WIN
THIS ONE,
PROTECTOR
MIROKU-
SAN!

GINJI-
KUN...

I TOLD
YOU, OUR
GOAL IS
JUST TO
COMPLETE
OUR JOB.

IT'S NOT
TO FIGHT
YOU!

BROTHER...

NEXT
TIME I
FIGHT
HIM, I
MUST NOT
WAVER
IN MY
DETERMINATION
TO KILL
HIM...

GINJI-
KUN...

UGH

HEH...

THE GET-
BACKERS,
EH...?



WELL, I DID FIGURE IT WAS SOME KIND OF TRUMP CARD

I SEE SO THIS IS WHAT WAS IN YOUR BAG ALL THIS TIME

TEE HEE

NO... THE SEAL SHOULDN'T BE BROKEN YET..

Hee hee

THE EVIL EYE?

Heh heh



TEE HEE

I DON'T KNOW WHERE YOU GOT THESE DOLLS, BUT THEY'RE QUITE GOOD

CAN'T BELIEVE I FELL FOR SUCH A CHILDISH TRICK...

BLOWING UP RUBBER DOLLS AND PLAYING IT OFF AS THE EVIL EYE

hee hee hee

Ha ha ha

Act VII: The Last Arms of the Goddess
Part 21 Hiding Trees in a Forest

WELL
THEN,
THIS HAS
CERTAINLY
CAUGHT MY
INTEREST

LOOKS
LIKE.

...I WON'T
BE BORED
FOR A
WHILE AT
LEAST...

I CAN'T
WAIT TO
SEE HOW
YOU PLAN
TO RETRIEVE
THE VENUS
AND ESCAPE
THIS ISLAND

GET BACKERS



The auction
will now
begin as
planned.

We -
come,
distrin-
guished
guests!

We
deeply
apologize
for the
blackout
earlier.



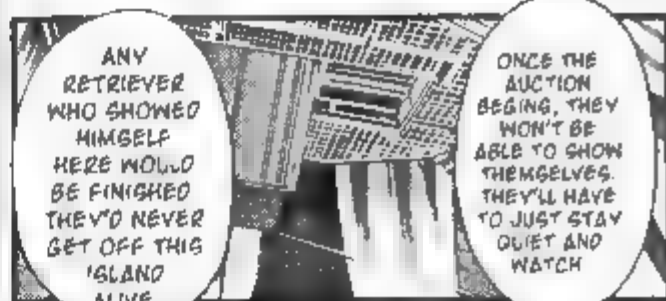
NOW

THE
ARMS,
PLEASE



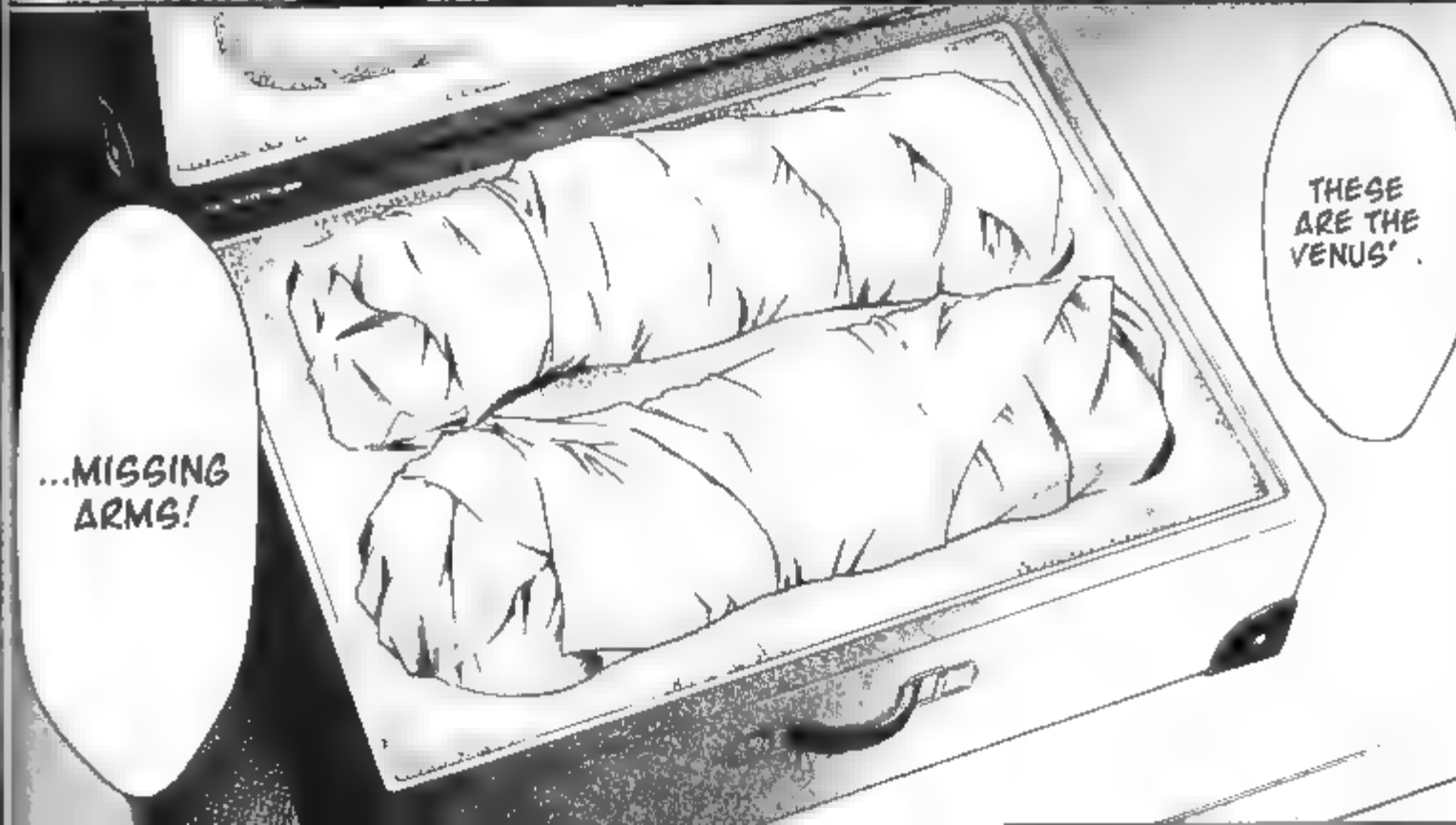
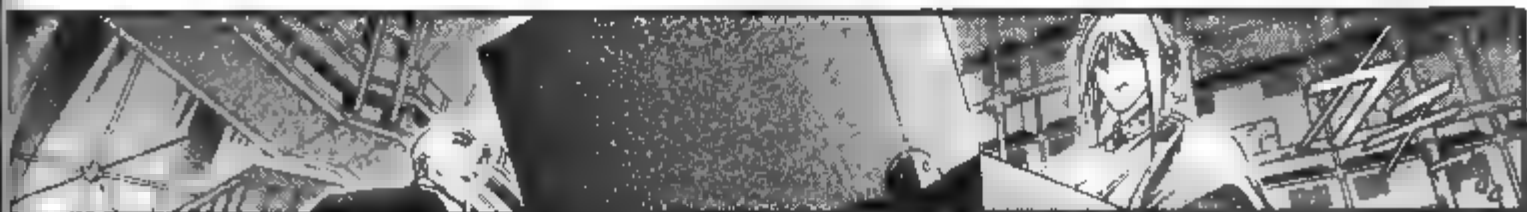
HEH AS
LONG AS I'M
HERE, YOU'VE
NOTHING
TO WORRY
ABOUT,
MISS HELA

IS THE
TROUBLE
OVER
NOW,
MR LIU?



ANY
RETRIEVER
WHO SHOWED
HIMSELF
HERE WOULD
BE FINISHED
THEY'D NEVER
GET OFF THIS
ISLAND
ALIVE

ONCE THE
AUCTION
BEGIN, THEY
WON'T BE
ABLE TO SHOW
THEMSELVES.
THEY'LL HAVE
TO JUST STAY
QUIET AND
WATCH



...MISSING
ARMS!

THESE
ARE THE
VENUS'





I CAN'T
SURPASS THE
VENUS DE
MILO'S
BEAUTY.

IT'S NO
GOOD,
HELA...



BUT
IT'S NO
GOOD.

I EVEN TRIED
MAKING A
STATUE WITH
NO ARMS
MYSELF.

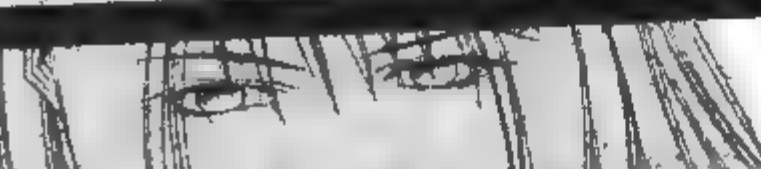
LOSING ITS
ARMS ALLOWS
THE VENUS TO
GAIN THE
PERFECT
BEAUTY.




BUT IN
EXCHANGE,
GOD GRANTED
HER ETERNAL
BEAUTY.

...AND TIME
SEALED HER
ARMS AWAY,
NEVER TO BE
SEEN AGAIN.

LONG AGO,
SOMEONE
CREATED
THE COM-
PLETE VENUS
STATUE...



DO YOU
UNDERSTAND,
HELA?

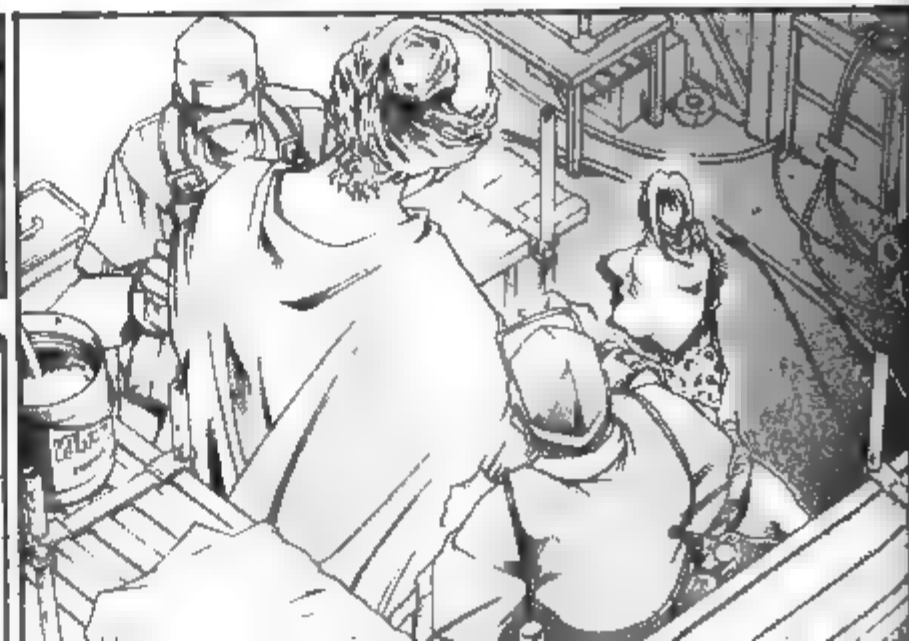
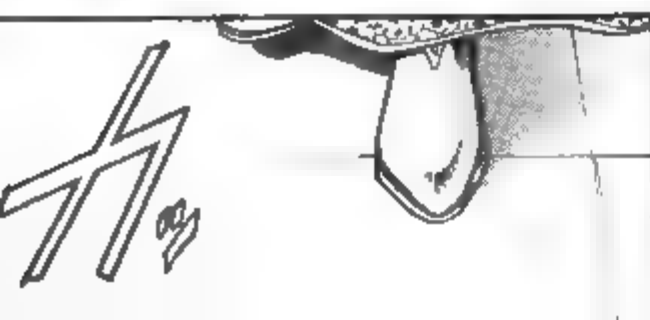


...AND GAINS
A SHINE
THAT WILL
LAST
FOREVER.

ONLY WHAT
IS LOST
BECOMES
PERFECT IN
THE HUMAN
MIND...



LOSS
ITSELF IS
THE SOURCE
OF BEAUTY!





NOW,
LET'S
BEGIN...

...THIS
DIVINE
AUCTION.



BOSS!
LOOK
WHAT'S
ON TV!

To witness this
in person, the
rich and famous
have gathered
from all over
the world to
the big auction
on Battleship
Island

After 2,000
years, the
Venus and
her arms are
about to be
reunited!

The big
moment of
the century
is nearly
upon us!



Hey, I know
that voice

?

Whoa!
Nice
rack, Ms
Reporter!

HUH?



Who
are
you?

WHAT?
THEY
DIDN'T
RETRIEVE
IT YET?

Looks like they
failed - it's all over
if the arms are
attached

OH!

ISN'T
THAT THE
VENUS
THAT BAN-
SAN AND
GINJI-CHAN
WENT TO
RETRIEVE?

Wow, it's
on TV!

Everyone
seems to
know the
story

The
story
here's
interesting



Well,
hello
hello!



Greetings
to the
entire
world!



I'll be
running
the
auction
from now
on!



Hey Mr.
Camera-
man, get a
close on
me!



Wow!

Damn.
I'm
jealous

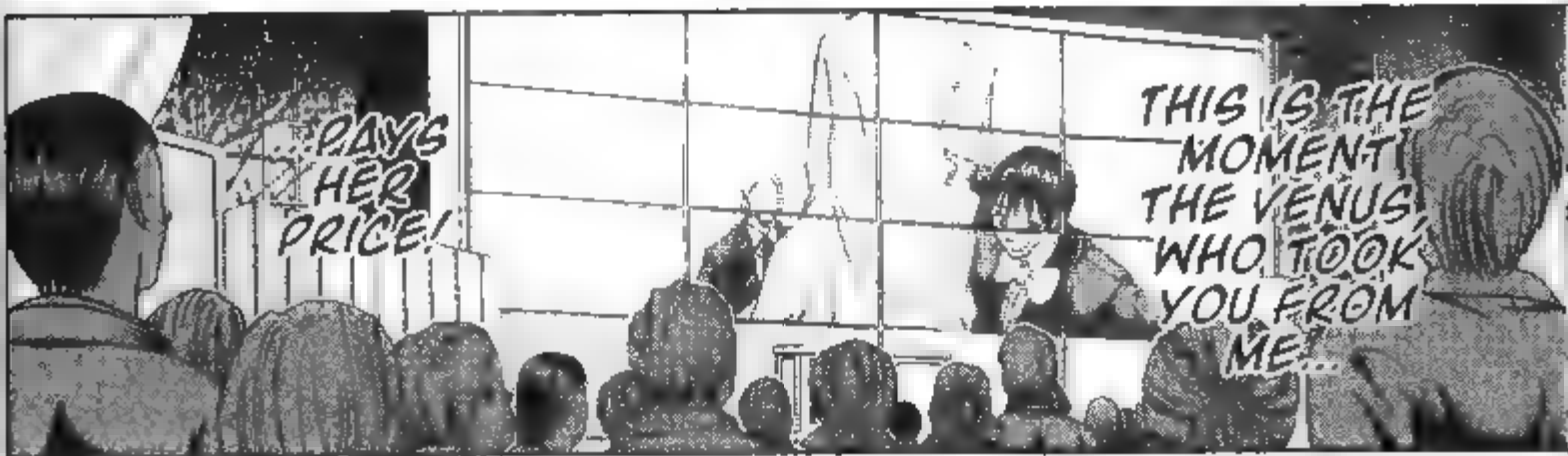
HEY
IS
THAT
BAN-
CHAN?



I'm gonna
remove
the sheet
from the
Venus on
the count
of three, so
don't look
away!



Now, every-
one ready
for this?!



THIS
IS
MY...

apolo **REVENGE!!**

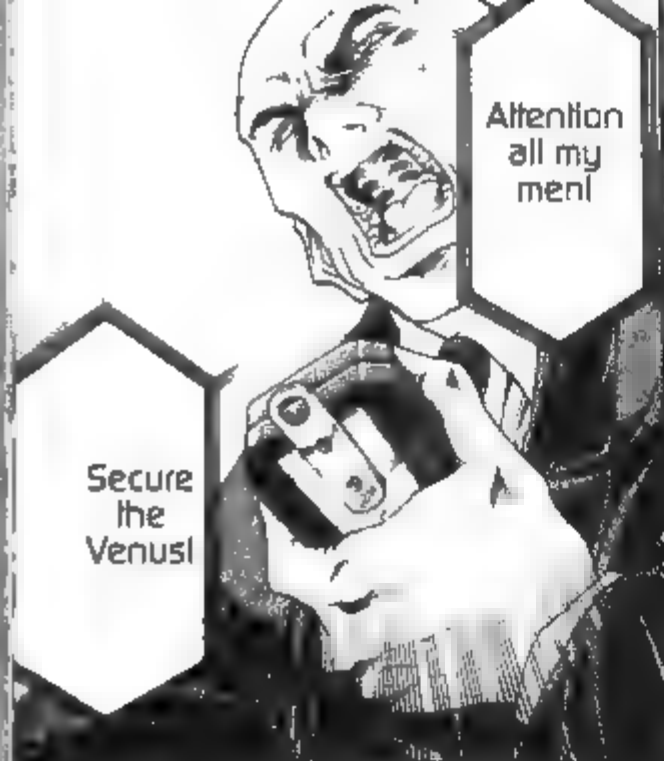






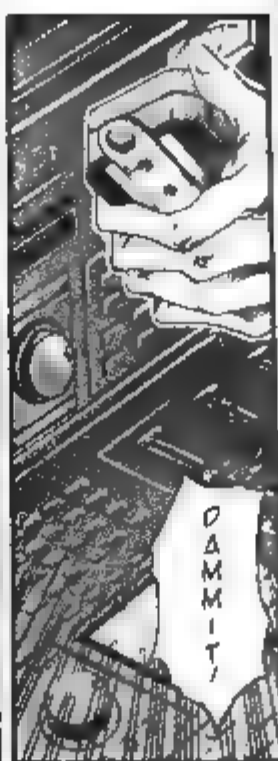
WHA--
?!

WHAT
THE
HELL IS
THIS?!



Attention
all my
men!

Secure
the
Venus!



DAMMIT!



DAMN!

THE
RETRIEV-
ERS DID
THIS?!



WHICH
IS THE
REAL
ONE?!

WHAT'RE
WE SUP-
POSED TO
DO, MR.
LIU?!



I re-
peat.



We'll
sort out
the real
one
later!

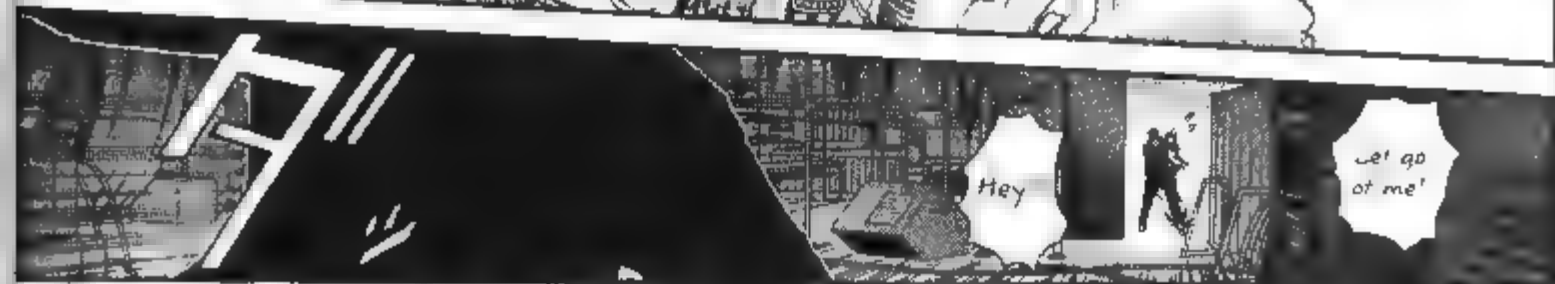



Secure
them all!



Secure...

...all the
Venuses!!



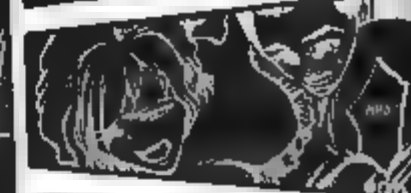


HAVE
ANY...

...BAD
DREAMS
LATELY?



OH,
THAT'S
EXACTLY
ONE
MINUTE!





**THE
GOODS**

**...ARE
GOTTEN!**



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The GetBackers team has successfully retrieved the last arms of the Venus de Milo!

But as they attempt to escape Battleship Island they're met by the barrel of Helas gun

HELA-SAN

OTHER-WISE

GAME OVER
GIVE ME
THOSE
ARMS

WHAT
THE

HEAR
THAT
MON-
KEY-
BOYS?

SHUT
UP AND
LET ME
CONCENTRATE!

YOU
WOULDN'T
WANT
THEM
DAMAGED
BEYOND
REPAIR

THESE
LOST
ARMS ARE
A TREASURE
TO HUMANITY,
RIGHT?

YOU'RE
GONNA
SHOOT
YOUR-
SELF
ANYWAY

WHA--?

WITHOUT
A BOAT,
HOW DO
YOU PLAN
TO--?

HMPH
YOU'RE
TRAPPED
ANYWAY
WE'RE IN
THE MIDDLE
OF THE
PACIFIC





KAITO?

WHAT DID HE MEAN?!



LET'S MEET UP AGAIN, HELA-SAN!

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Part 22: A Farewell to Arms!



THEY'RE BOTH IN CRITICAL CONDITION

W-WELL



MR LIU

DAMN



WHERE ARE ZHUO-LONG AND BINGHU?!

YOU USELESS IDIOTS! WHAT AM I PAYING YOU FOR?!



M-MR. SCORPIO!!



THAT'S ENOUGH

N-NO I'LL GET IT BACK, I SWEAR



H-H?



SOUNDS LIKE THE APHRODITE SLIPPED THROUGH YOUR FINGERS





Where
did that
come
from?!

You just
don't
under-
stand
true
humor
Your girl's
gonna
stop
liking
you



I THINK
THEY JUST
SUCK,
PER OO

UMM. I
THINK YOUR
JOKES ARE
GETTING
A LITTLE
DATED

OHKK
WHALE
RIDER,
WIND UP
YOUR
NOSE

MAN, BO
HARUKA IS
A GOLD-
MINE FOR
MATERIAL!



HELA-
SAN WILL
COME?

YOU
THINK



WHAT'S
UP, BAN-
CHAN?



BAN-
CHAN



TICKLE
TICKLE

GET
OFF
ME...



SHE'LL
COME.

SHE ACTS
TOUGH, BUT
THERE'S
SOMETHING
SHE TRULY
WANTS
BACK.



BAN-
CHAN
I MET
MIROKU-
KUN

HE
WAS
STRONG

YEAH?



YEAH



HUH?

SOME-
THING
ON YOUR
MIND?




EVEN AS THE
LIGHTNING
LORD, I
BARELY
WON

ESPE-
CIALLY
YUKI-
HIKO-
KUN

I WON
SOMEHOW,
BUT THEY
WERE ALL
STRONG



HE'S
FINE



HOW'S
HE DOING
THESE
DAYS?



THAT'S
GOOD.

YEAH?

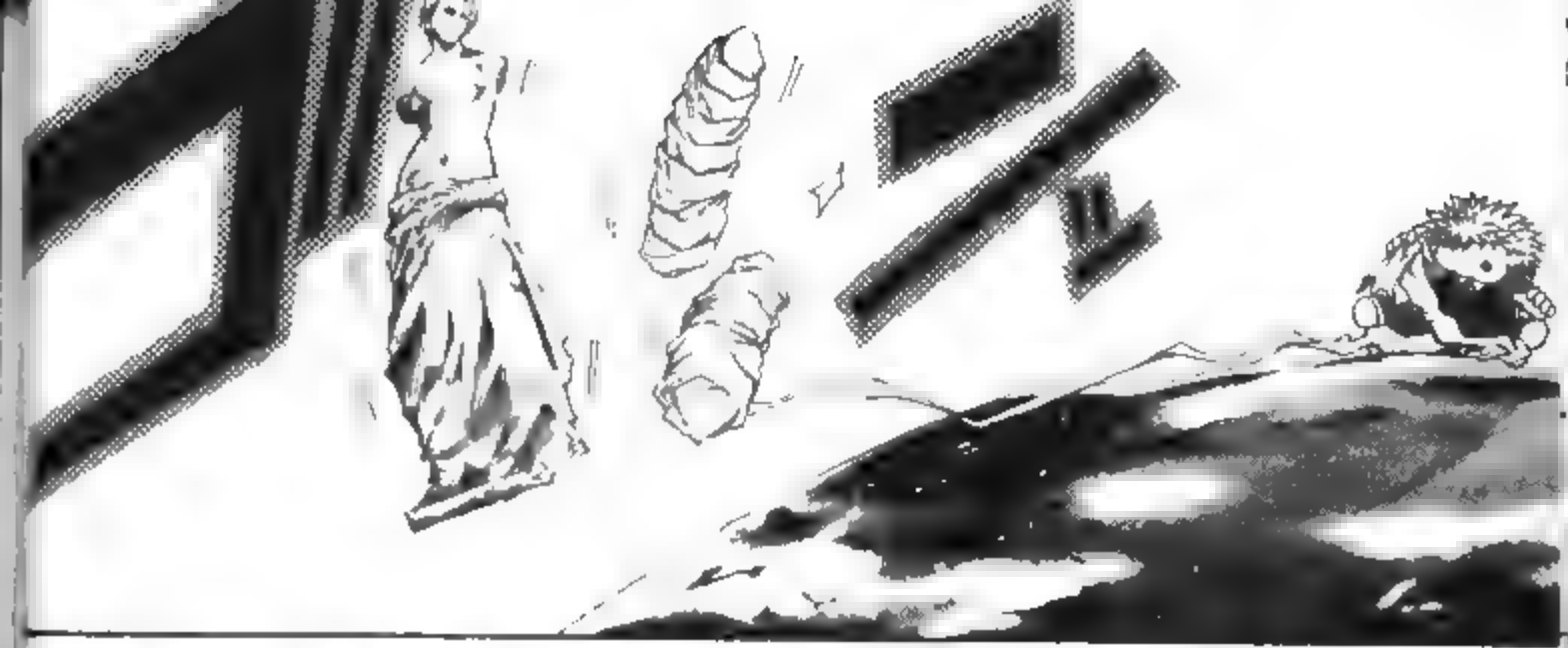


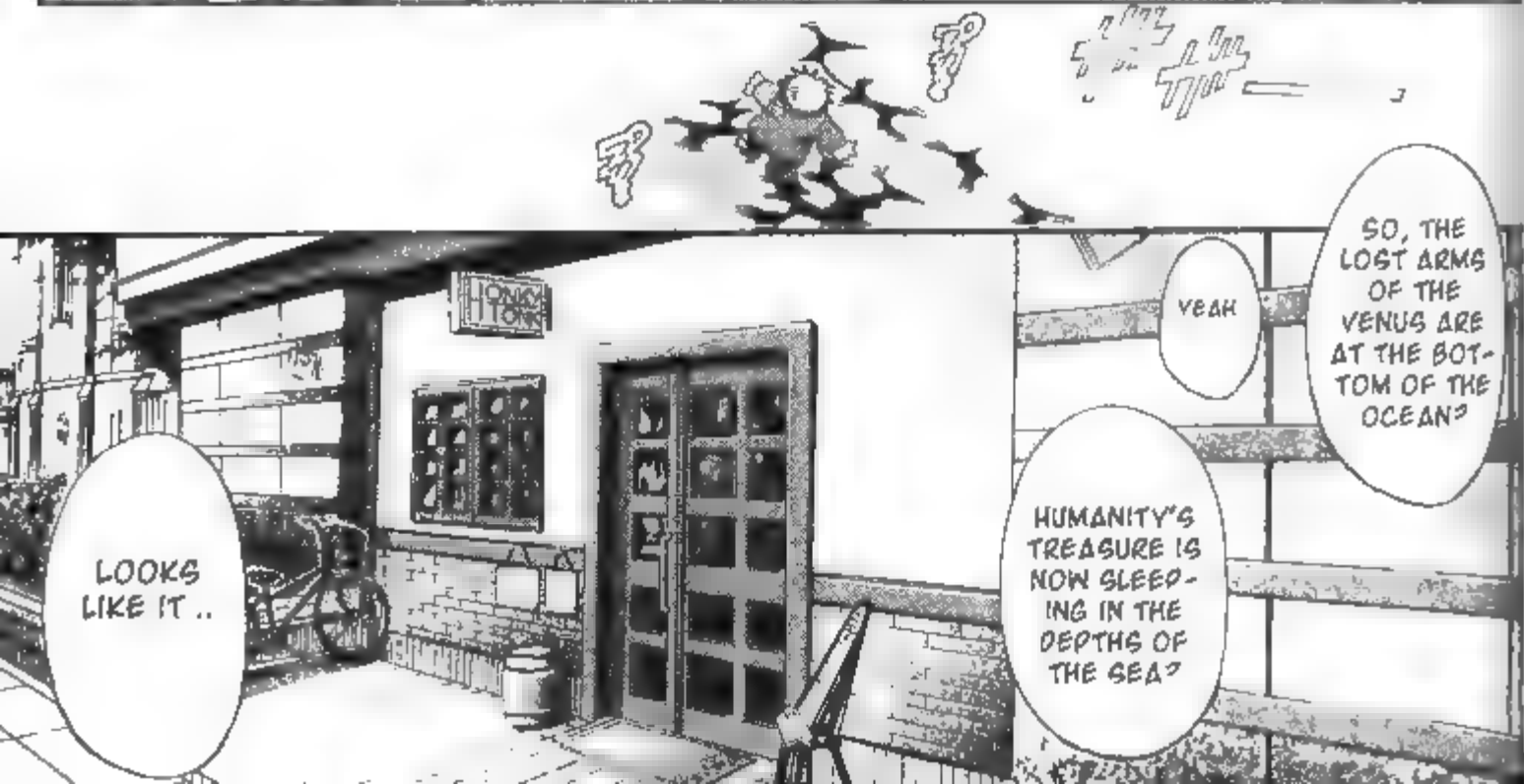
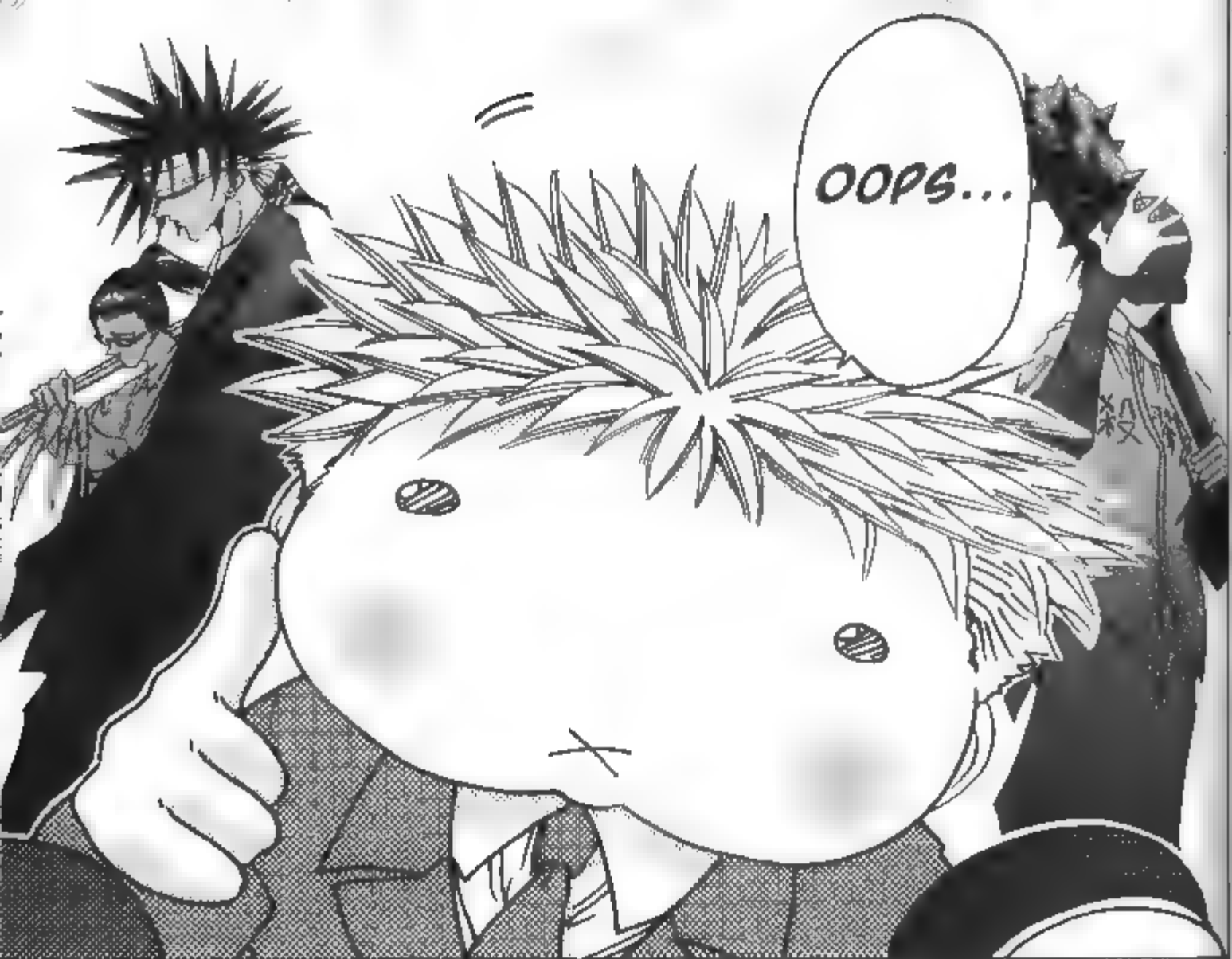
MEANING YOU
OWE ME MUCH
MORE THAN
A SIMPLE
"THANK YOU."

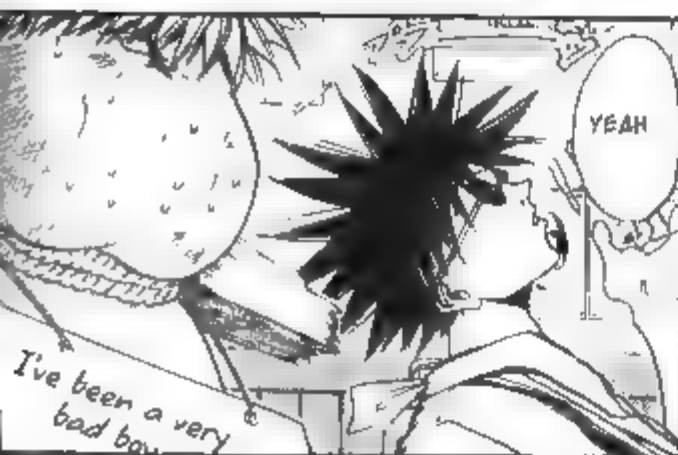
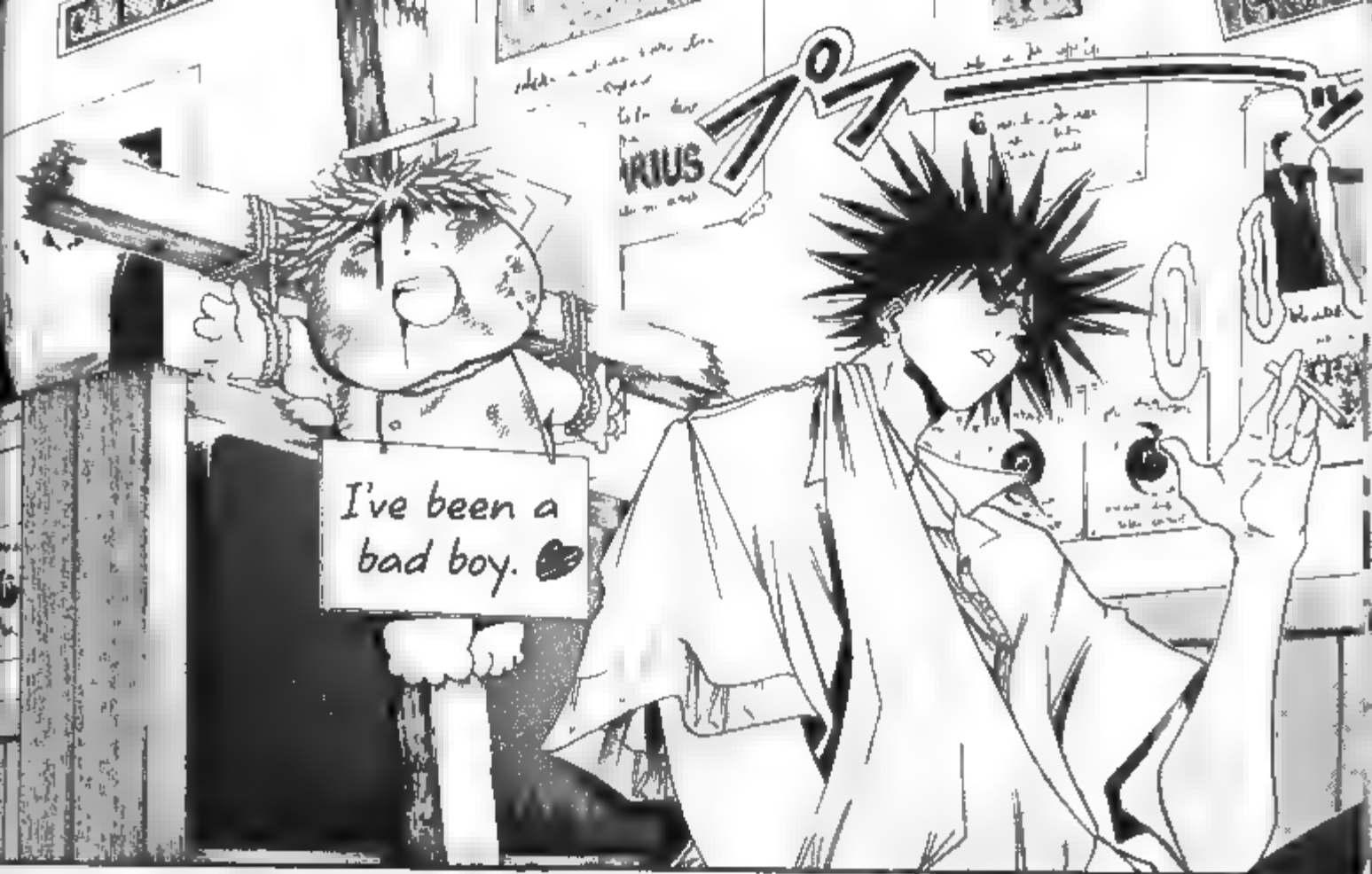
How about five
million thank
you in the form
of yen?

YOU
NEVER
WOULD'VE
RECOV-
ERED IT IF
NOT FOR
MY EVIL
EYE.









LIVE

HEH

SO, LOOKS
LIKE YOU
FIGURED IT
OUT, THEN.

WE
DIDN'T
BRING
THEM
BACK, BUT
WE DID
KIND OF
ACCOM-
PLISH THE
GOAL.
SO...

LISTEN,
CLAYMAN-
SAN

Trying to avoid eye contact

WHAT?

...THAT
WAS
ABOUT TO
BE STOLEN
FOR ETER-
NITY.

...THE
BEAUTY
OF THE
VENUS DE
MILO...

YOU
WERE
ABLE TO
RETRIEVE



SLEEP
QUIETLY
THROUGH THE
PASSAGE OF
TIME.



AS LONG AS
PEOPLE HAVE
IMAGINATIONS,
HER ETERNAL
BEAUTY WILL
NEVER FADE

THE
VENUS DE
MILO IS
JUST FINE
WITHOUT
HER
ARMS.

NOW,
SLEEP
PEACE-
FULLY,
ARMS
OF THE
VENUS.



I AM
GRATEFUL
TO YOU
TWO.

THEN

WE SPENT
A LOT ON
EXPENSES

B-
BUT

HOWEVER,
FAILURE IS
FAILURE
YOU'RE SUP-
POSED TO BE
PROFESSION-
ALS. HOW WILL
YOU TAKE
RESPONSIBILITY
FOR THIS?

THANK
YOU!

SO
THEN,
ABOUT
OUR FEE



HEH
THAT
PART WE
DIDN'T DO
BECAUSE
OF YOU



WOW



HUH?
REALLY?

YEAH, WE
WERE HIRED
FOR THAT
LONG AGO



I WILL
PAY HALF
YOUR
FEE 500
THOU-
SAND
YEN

THERE WAS
A REASON
I SENT YOU
INSTEAD OF
GOING MY-
SELF, AND AT
LEAST YOU
TWO AC-
COMPLISHED
WHAT I
HOPED YOU
WOULD

A
JOB.

A
FAVOR?

HEY,
YOU TWO,
I HAVE A
FAVOR
TO ASK.

BUT IF YOU
EVER FIND MY
GODDESS,
THERE'S SOME-
THING I WANT
YOU TO GET
BACK FOR ME.

IT DOESN'T
HAVE TO BE
RIGHT NOW.

... "ARMS."

THE
GODDESS.

AND I'M
NOT TALK-
ING ABOUT
THE VENUS'
ARMS,
CLAYMAN.

OH?

I
KNOW.



SO,
SHALL
WE GO
THEN?

HEY,
WHERE
ARE YOU
TWO
GOING?

YEAH!



WE'LL
LEAVE
THE REST
TO YOU,
CLAYMAN!



RIGHT



ISN'T IT
OBVIOUS?



**WE'RE
GOING TO
RETRIEVE**

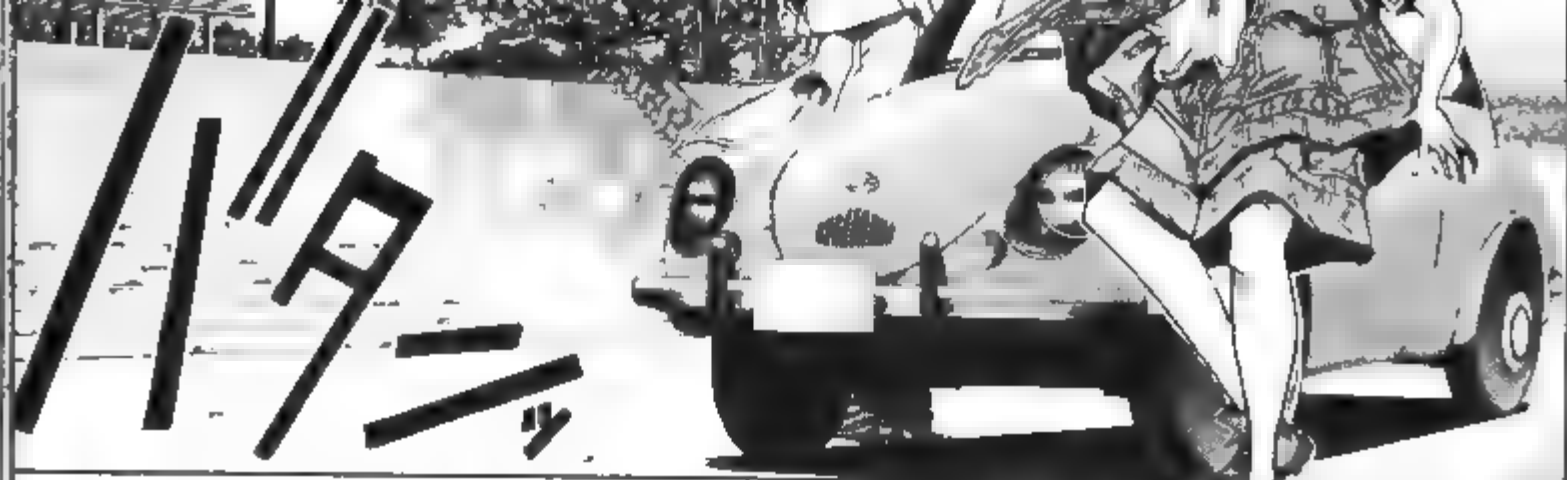
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**...THE
GODDESS'
ARMS!**

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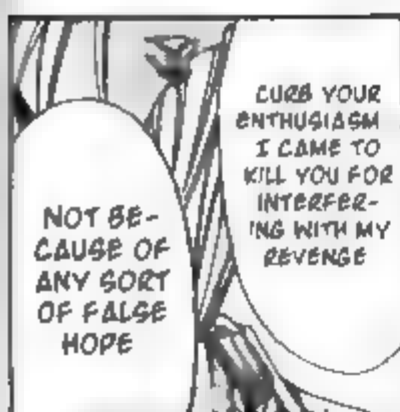
HELA-
SAN!

LOOKS
LIKE WE'LL
FINALLY BE
ABLE TO
KEEP OUR
PROMISE
TO KAITO...

...AND
RETRIEVE
THE OTHER
GODDESS'
ARMS...

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Part 23 The Goddess Returns









KAI...



KAITO!

DON'T
YOU
KNOW
WHO I
AM?



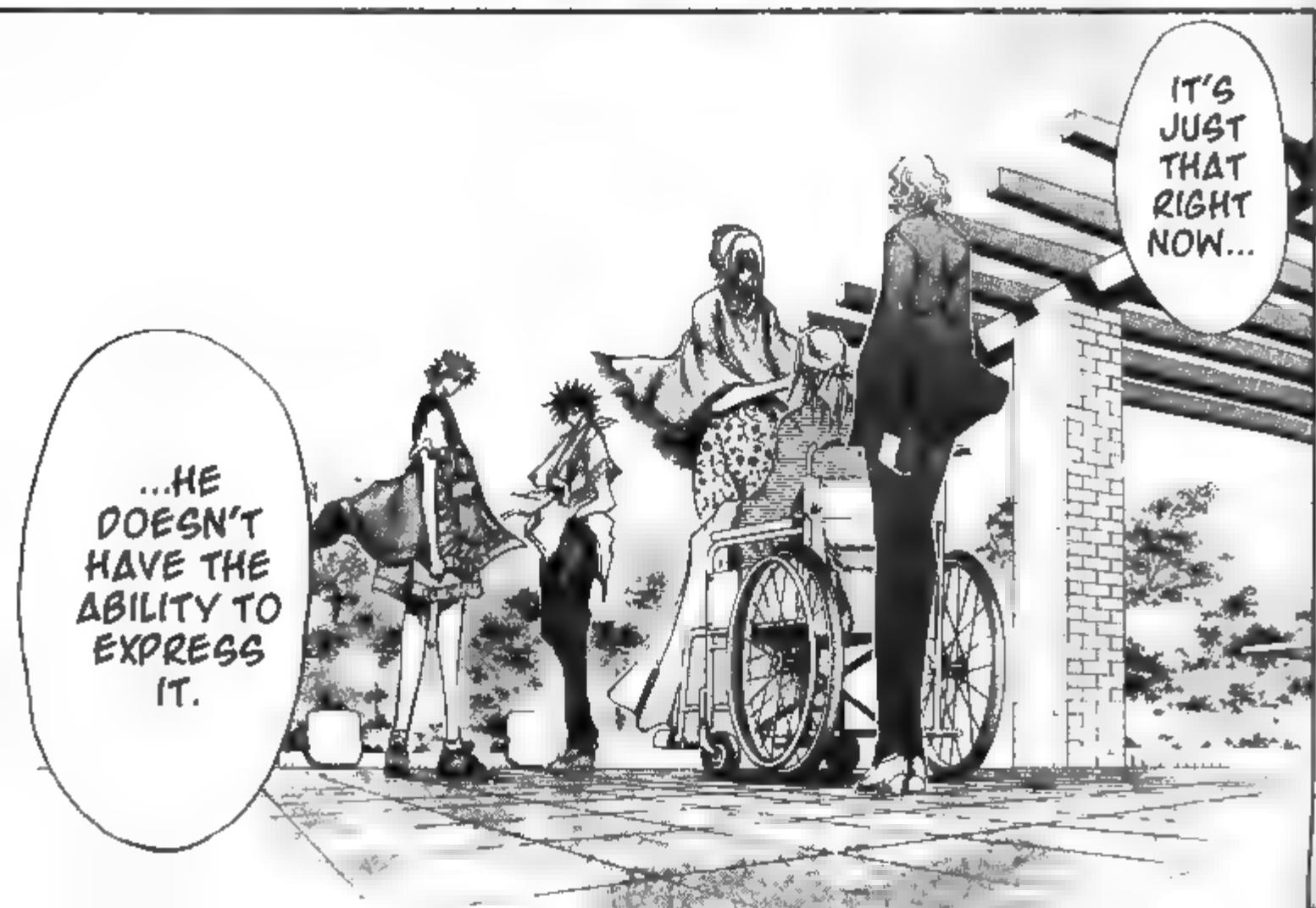
KAITO.



KAITO!



HE
SHOULD
KNOW.



IT'S
JUST
THAT
RIGHT
NOW...

...HE
DOESN'T
HAVE THE
ABILITY TO
EXPRESS
IT.



DRUGS.



THE DRUG
APHRODITE
THAT LIU
MENG YAN
SPREAD
THROUGH
UNDER-
GROUND
SHINJUKU

TURNUED
KAITO INTO
THIS



WHY?



HIS DRUG
ADDICTION
HAD GONE
TOO FAR

BUT BY
THE TIME
I HEARD
HE HAD
MIGRATED
INTO UN-
DERGROUND
SHINJUKU



I ALWAYS
THOUGHT
HIGHLY
OF HIS
TALENTS

KAITO
AND I
HAVE
BEEN
FRIENDS
SINCE MY
DAYS IN
PARIS



LOOK,
CLAYMAN...

SHE CAME
BACK TO ME.
THE GETBACK-
ERS GOT HER
BACK FOR
ME

LOOK AT MY
GODDESS.

NO
MATTER
WHAT I
ASKED
HIM, HIS
RESPONSE
WAS AL-
WAYS THE
SAME

HE'D
STAY IN
THE COR-
NER OF HIS
RUN-DOWN
ROOM,
HOLDING A
MANNE-
QUIN

.. REPEATING
THE SAME
THING OVER
AND OVER,
LIKE IT WAS
A SPELL...





KAITO NEVER
FORGOT
ABOUT YOU,
HELA-SAN.

HE JUST
WASN'T
ABLE TO
SEE YOU.

DO YOU
UNDER-
STAND
NOW?



KAITO WAS
ALWAYS A
BIT WEAK-
ER, MORE
DELICATE
THAN THE
AVERAGE
MAN

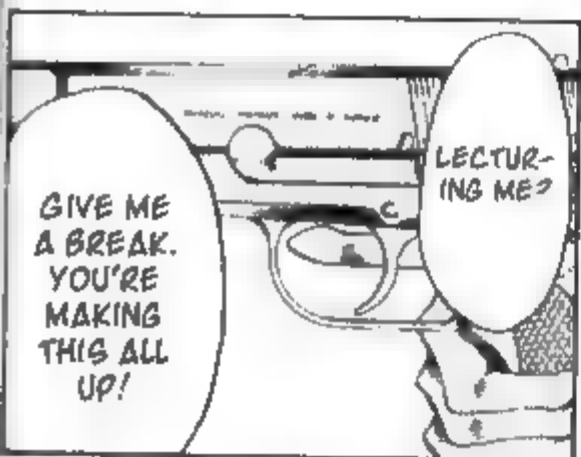
HE
SUFFERED,
KNOWING HE
HAD LOST
WHAT HE
LOVED MOST
THROUGH HIS
OWN MIS-
TAKES

DRUGS
SEEM
TO FIND
THEIR
WAY TO
PEOPLE
LIKE
THAT

AND
APHRODITE IS
HUNDREDS OF
TIMES MORE
POWERFUL
THAN MOST
DRUGS. TOUCH
IT ONCE,
AND YOU'RE
FINISHED



HELA-SAN!



GIVE ME A BREAK. YOU'RE MAKING THIS ALL UP!

LECTURING ME?

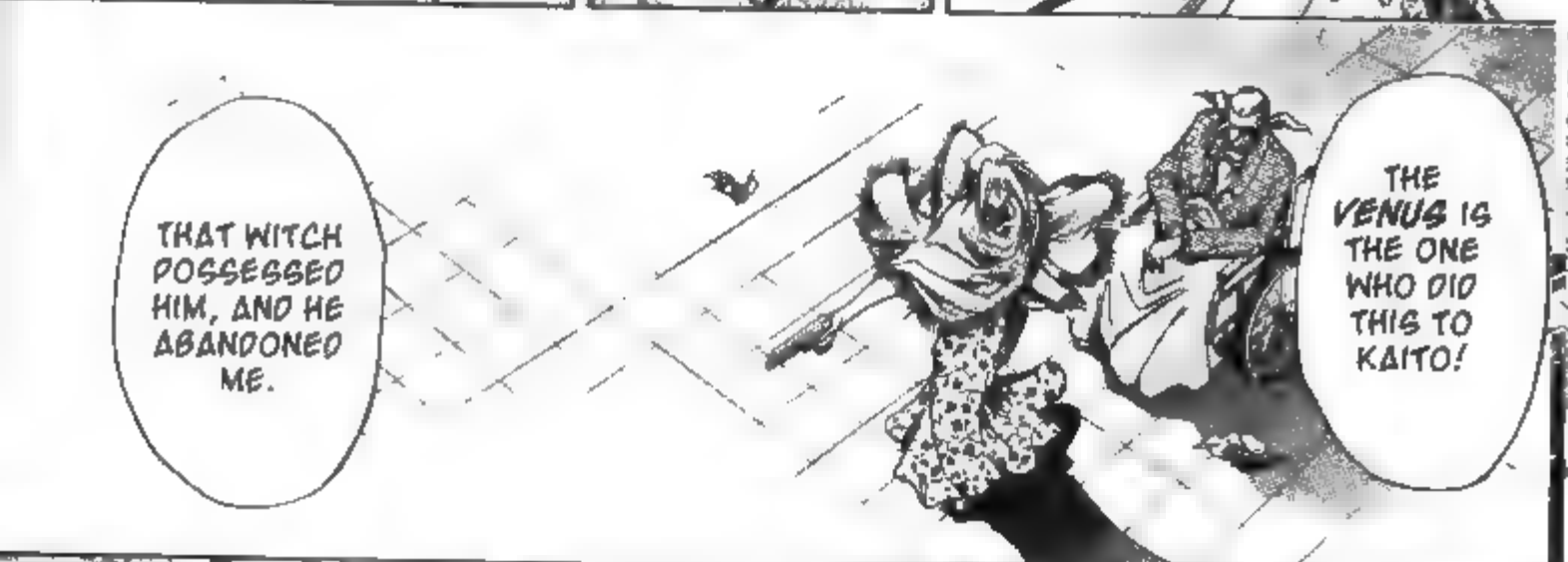


YOU WERE ABOUT TO HELP SPREAD IT ALL OVER THE WORLD.

THE DEVIL'S DRUG THAT DID THIS TO YOUR LOVER...



NOT UNDERSTANDING THAT, IN THE NAME OF REVENGE YOU LET THAT BASTARD LIU USE YOU.



THE VENUS IS THE ONE WHO DID THIS TO KAITO!

THAT WITCH POSSESSED HIM, AND HE ABANDONED ME.



HE KEPT CHASING AFTER THE VENUS DE MILO'S BEAUTY...

YES..

...AND THAT LED HIM TO DRUGS!

YOU'RE WRONG!



I'LL
SHOW
YOU.



IF YOU
THINK
IT'S A
LIE, THEN
FOLLOW
ME...



KAITO-
SAN
LOVED
YOU!

THAT'S
WHY EVEN
NOW...



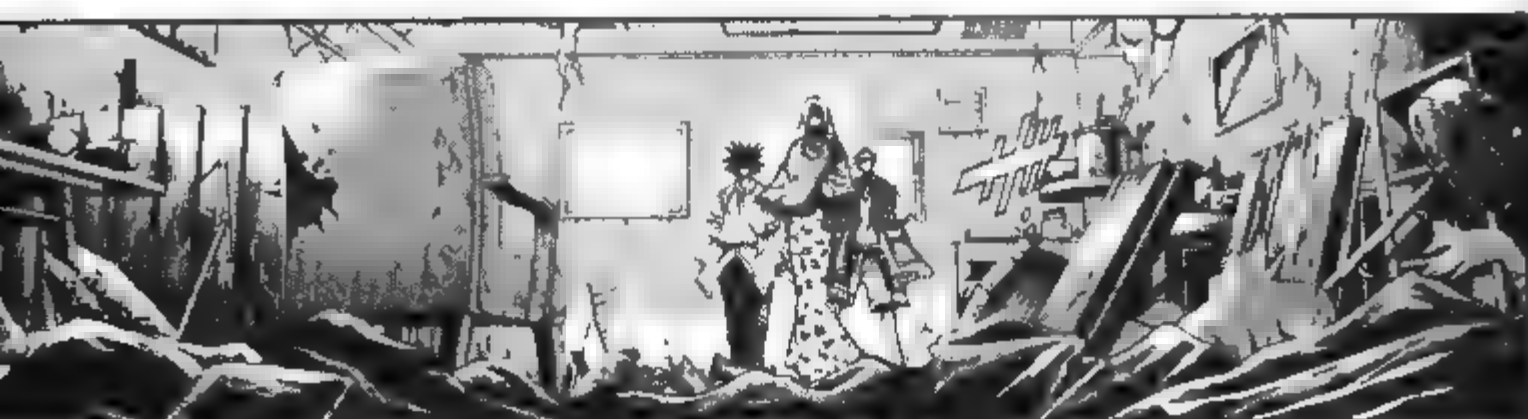
L I A R !



THE
ANSWER
KAITO
REACHED...

...AS HE
SUFFERED
WITHIN
HIS OWN
PERSONAL
HELL.









THAT THIS
PICTURE
WAS OF THE
GODDESS
HE LOVED
MOST IN THE
WORLD

KAITO
ALWAYS
TOLD
US



KAITO



I'M
SORRY,
KAITO...



I'M
SORRY...





**I'M SO
SORRY...**

KAITO...

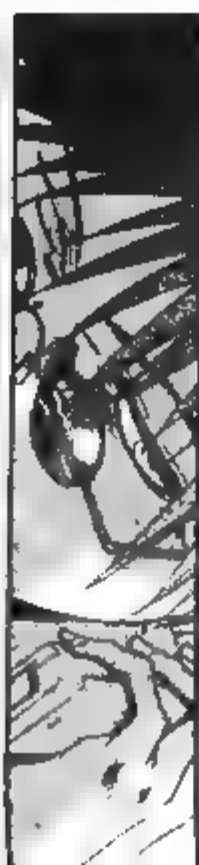




**CASE
CLOSED!**



THERE YOU
GO I'VE
PASSED THE
INFORMA-
TION ON TO
YOU GOOD
LUCK

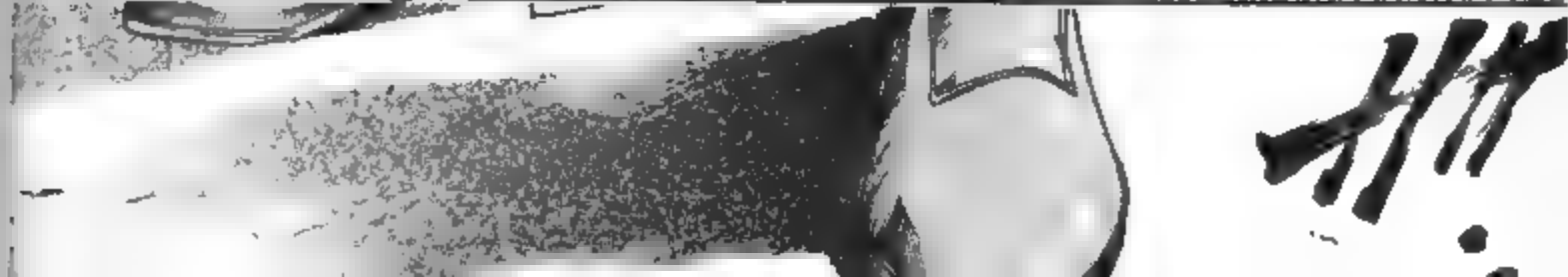



OH,
PAUL? ³
WHAT'S
UP?

WHAT?



YES,
THIS IS THE
GETBACKERS
SHINJUKU
MAIN OFFICE!





TIME
FOR
YOU TO
PAY THE
PRICE.

JUST
YOU
WAIT,
LIU
MENG-
YAN.

GET BACKERS





OUR PLANS
NOW FACE A
SIGNIFICANT
SETBACK.

THIS DEAL
WAS OF
GREAT IM-
PORTANCE
TO US


THIS
EMBAR-
RASSMENT
IS HARD TO
FORGIVE

ABOUT LIU
MENGYAN I'M
IMPRESSED HE
SURVIVED THE
RECESSION
AND CLAWED
HIS WAY TO
THE TOP OF
UNDERGROUND
SHINJUKU'S
DRUG TRADE,
BUT




LIU MUST
BE MADE TO
TAKE SOME
KIND OF
RESPONSI-
BILITY

WHAT
SHALL WE
DO, MR.
SCORPIO?

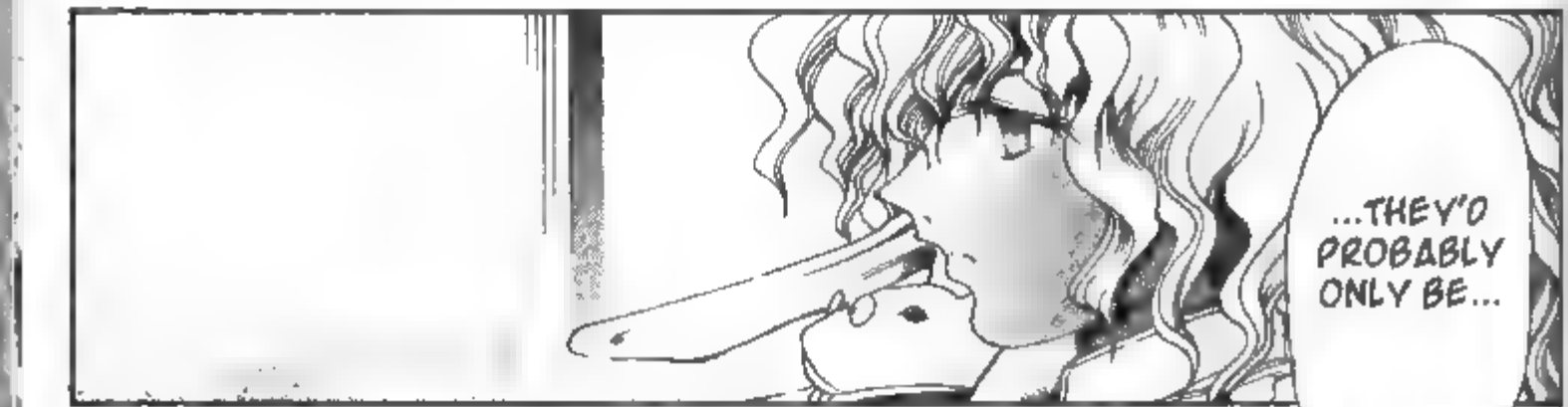


AND EVEN
IF THERE
WERE



THERE'S NO
ONE IN THE
WORLD WHO
WOULD BUY
DRUGS FROM
HIM NOW.

THAT'S
UNNEC-
ESSARY.



...THEY'D
PROBABLY
ONLY BE...

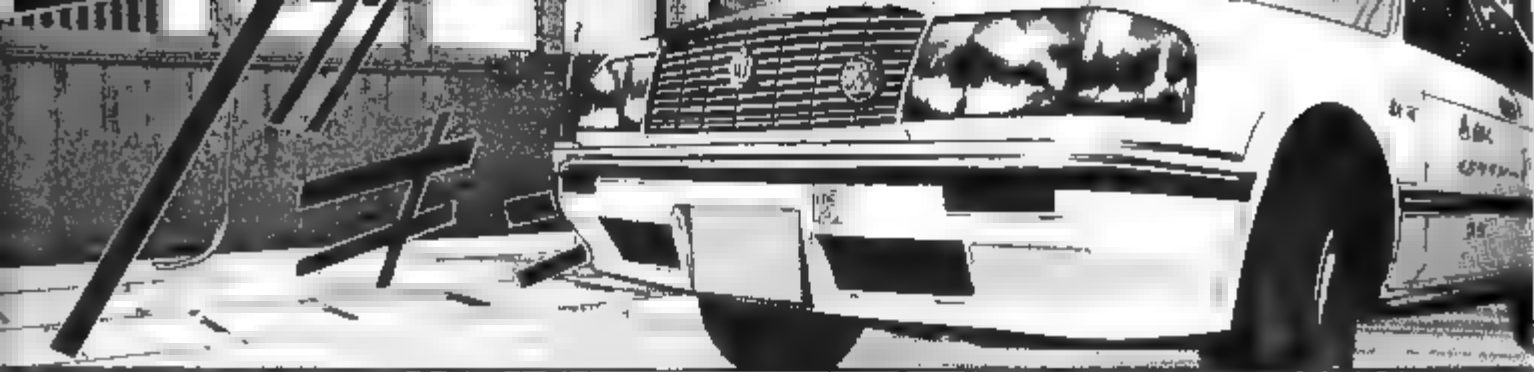


...RESIDENTS
OF INFINITY
FORTRESS.

GET BACKERS

Act VII: The Lost Arms of the Goddess
Part 24 Goodbye to Liul



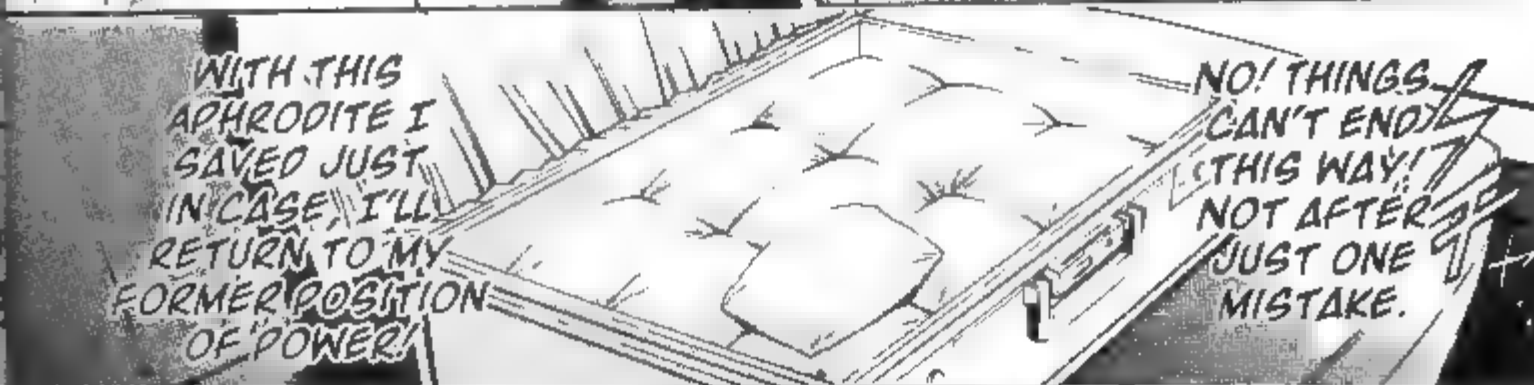


YOU'RE FINISHED...



WE'LL NEVER MAKE A DEAL WITH YOU AGAIN.

YOU BETRAYED OUR TRUST!



WITH THIS APHRODITE I SAVED JUST IN CASE I'LL RETURN TO MY FORMER POSITION OF POWER!

NO! THINGS CAN'T END THIS WAY! NOT AFTER JUST ONE MISTAKE.



WE'LL BE ENTERING INFINITY MORTRESS

SIR, YOU'RE SURE ABOUT THIS ADDRESS?



Y-YES, SIR

SHUT UP AND DRIVE



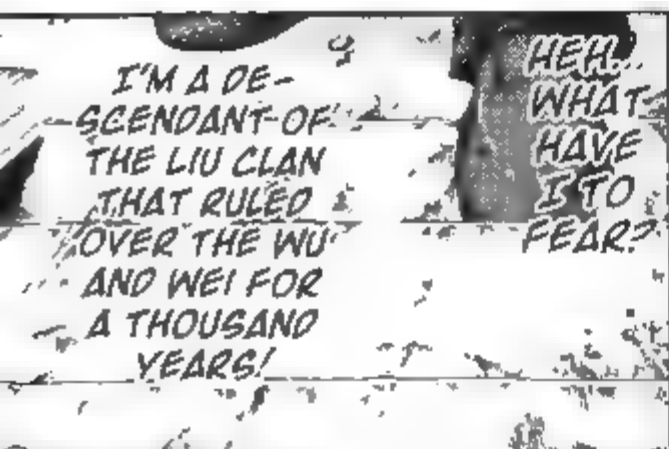
I WILL ONCE AGAIN BE THE KINGPIN OF UNDERGROUND SHINJUKU!



YES.

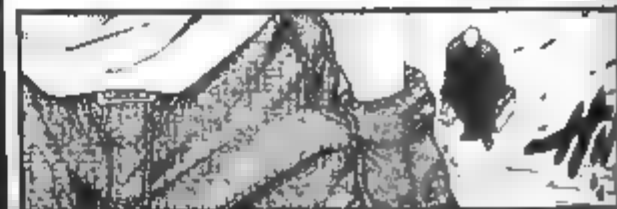


YOU'RE LIU MENG YAN?



I'M A DE-
SCENDANT OF
THE LIU CLAN
THAT RULED
OVER THE WU
AND WEI FOR
A THOUSAND
YEARS!

HEH...
WHAT
HAVE
I TO
FEAR?



I'M
STRONGER
THAN A
THOUSAND
MEN...





I HEAR
THERE'S
SOME-
THING
YOU'D
LIKE TO
SELL ME?



LIU
MENG-
YAN...



HUH?



THIS
DRUG WILL
SELL IN
THE BIL-
LIONS--

CER-
TAINLY--
TAKE A
LOOK!



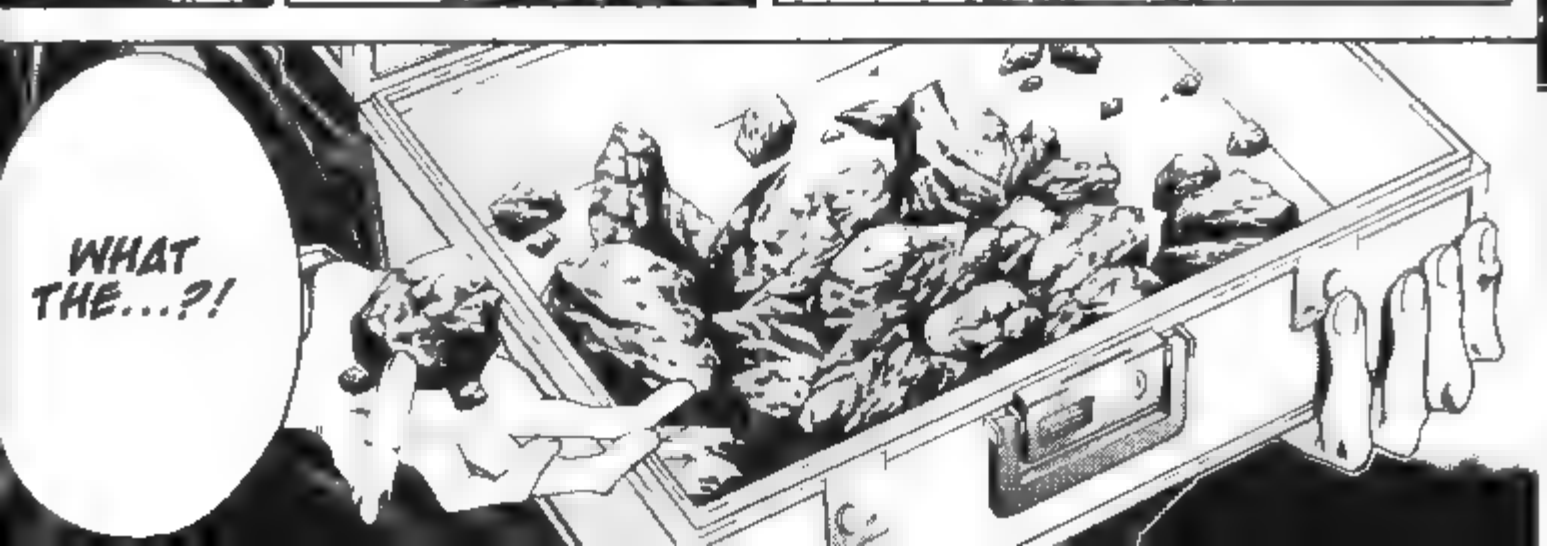
...THE
DEVIL
PRINCE,
MAKU-
BEX?!

SO, THIS IS
THE RULER
OF INFINITY
FORTRESS?
LOWER
TOWN...



SHOW ME
WHAT'S
IN THE
CASE

HOW
ABOUT WE
GET DOWN TO
BUSINESS?



WHAT
THE...?!



KAITO!!



WHA

HUH.



IT CAN'T BE!!

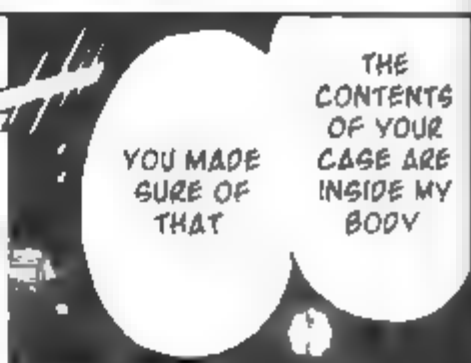
WHEN I CHECKED EARLIER, IT WAS



LOOKING FOR THIS, LIU-SAN?



WHY ARE YOU HERE?!



YOU MADE SURE OF THAT

THE CONTENTS OF YOUR CASE ARE INSIDE MY BODY



YOU'RE ALL BUT DEAD, SO HOW--?!

IT WAS ALL SO YOU COULD MAKE YOUR HUGE DRUG DEAL



HOM.



THEN WHEN I TOLD YOU ABOUT HELA, YOU THOUGHT UP YOUR PLAN.

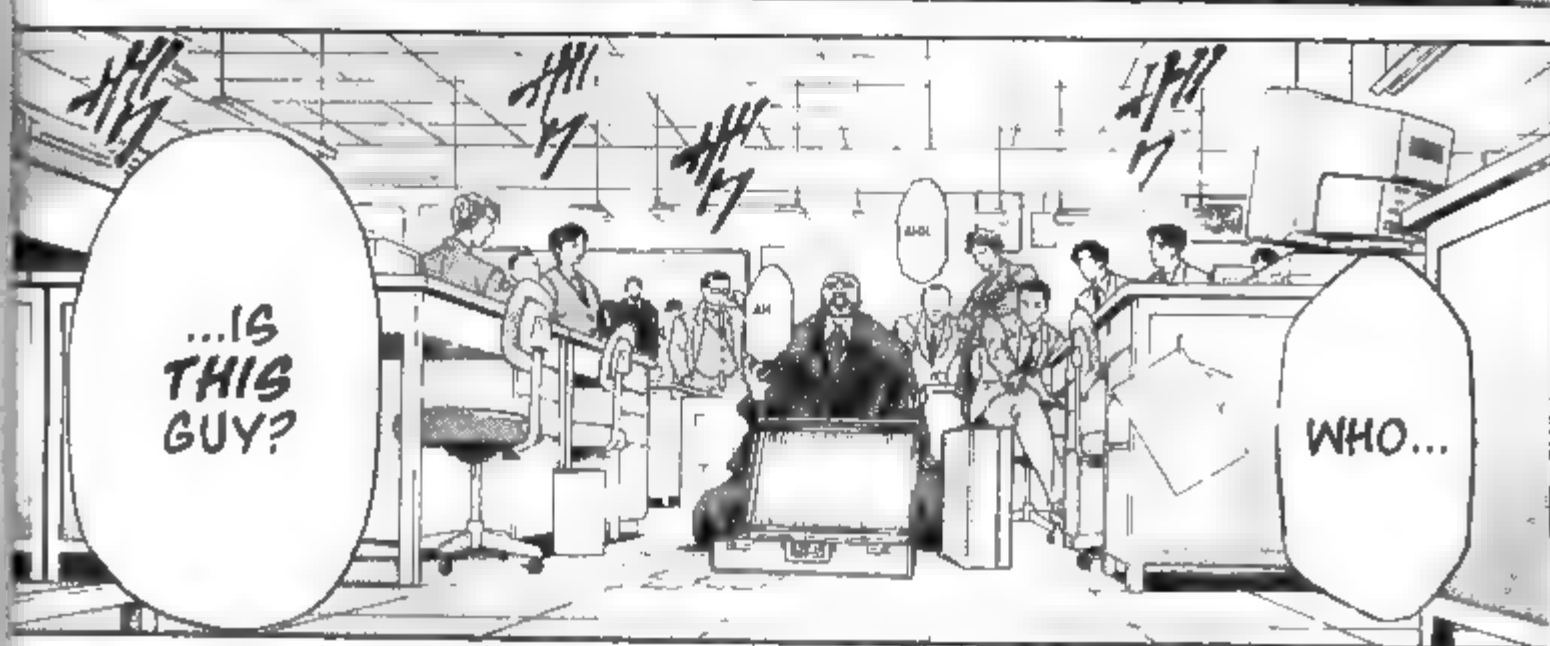
YOU TURNED ME INTO A JUNKIE AND FORCED ME TO FORGE STATUES AND PAINTINGS FOR YOUR BIGGS ART TRADE

..TO USE HER HATRED OF THE VENUS AND ARRANGE FOR HER TO FIND THE "MISSING ARMS"





STOP...



...IS
THIS
GUY?

WHO...



HEY!
ISN'T
THIS LIU
MENG-
YAN?

THIS GUY
JUST
WALKED
IN HERE
MUMBLING
AND SAT
DOWN

OH,
DETECTIVE
YABUKITA!

WHAT'S
GOING
ON?



THIS
MUST BE
APHRO-
DITE!!

THIS
STUFF



ARR--

ARREST
HIM!!



!!



THIS
SUBSTANCE
IS HIGHLY
ILLEGAL!

ARREST
HIM IMME-
DIATELY!!



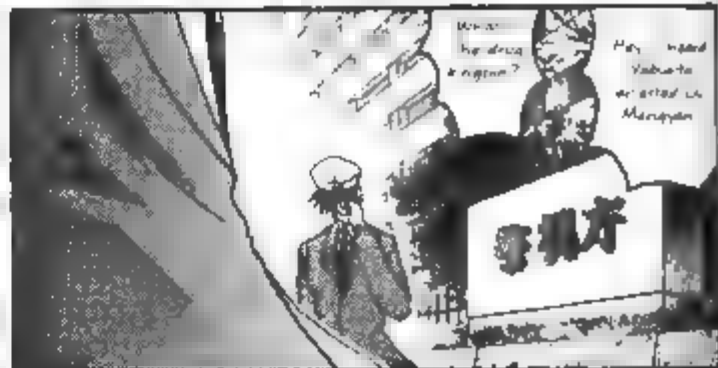
HEH, I
GAVE HIM
A REALLY
STRONG
EVIL EYE

HE'S GONNA
BE A VEG-
ETABLE IN
THE PEN
FOR A LONG
TIME.



I'VE HAD
A LOT OF
BUDDIES
HURT BY
THAT
BASTARD

GLAD HE
GOT WHAT
HE HAD
COMING



NO
PROBLEM




THANKS
FOR LEND-
ING ME
THE TAXI,
MAGU-
RUMA



HAVE
ANY BAD
DREAMS...

...LIU
MENGYAN?



YOU'RE
ONE
NASTY
DUDE,
BAN



WHAT?/
YOU'RE
ONE TO
TALK!



Y-
YUKI-
HIKO-
KUN?!



OHK...



WONDER
WHERE
BAN-CHAN
WENT...

How long does
it take to buy
smokes?



HEY,
PAUL,
COFFEES
ON THE
HOUSE,
RIGHT? ♡



ONCE A JOB IS
OVER, THERE
ARE NO MORE
ENEMIES OR
ALLIES THAT'S
JUST THE WAY
OUR WORLD
WORKS

That's
true,
but...

R-RE-
ALLY?



RELAX,
I'M NOT
GONNA
DO ANY-
THING

I JUST
REMEM-
BERED I'VE
GOTTA GET
THE HEL
OUTTA
HERE



SHALL
WE HAVE
A LITTLE
TALK?



ALTHOUGH,
I'D BE
SINGING A
DIFFERENT
SONG IF
YOU WERE
BAN MIOO...



カ
タ
カ

.....AND
THAT'S ALL
NATSUHIKO
TOLD ME.

I'M
TELLING
YOU THIS
BECAUSE
I WANT
YOU TO
KNOW THE
TRUTH

I
SEE

THE
TRUTH
ABOUT
WHAT
KIND OF
MAN BAN
MIDO IS

I
FIGURED
YOU DE-
SERVED
TO KNOW
THAT
MUCH

I'LL
BELIEVE
THAT...NO
MATTER
WHAT.

I DON'T
BELIEVE YOU OR
YOUR BROTHER
ARE LYING, BUT I
DO THINK THERE
MUST BE SOME
KIND OF MISUN-
DERSTANDING.

THEN I
HAVE
NOTHING
LEFT TO
SAY.

I
SEE ..

YEAH

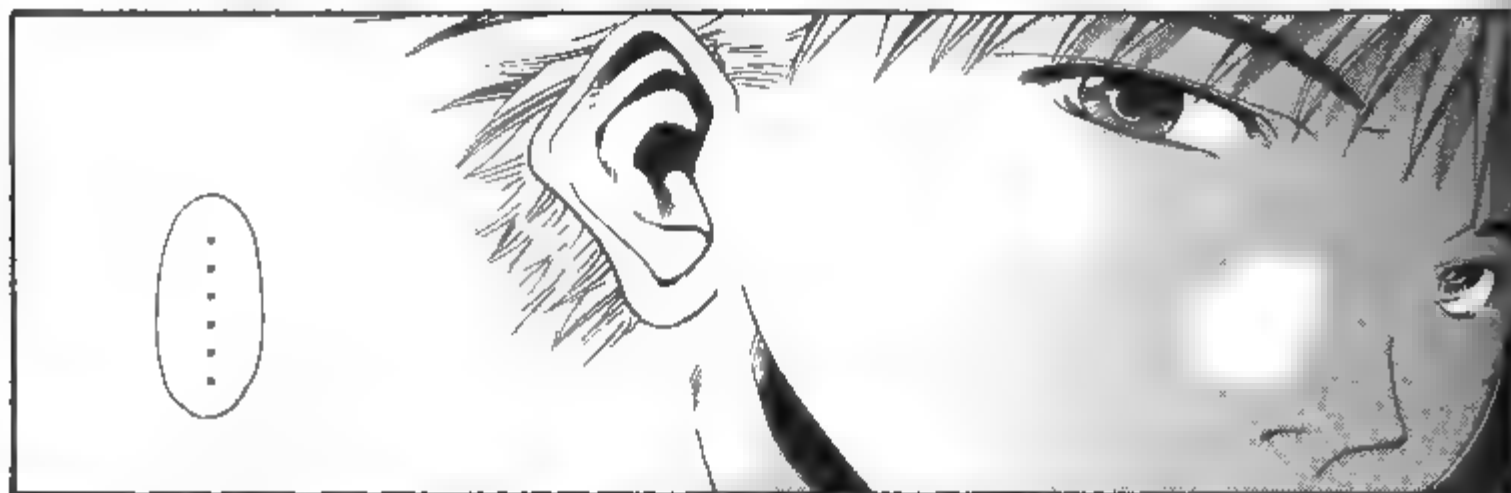
BUT,
GINJI-
KUN

YOU'LL
UNDER-
STAND
SOONER
OR LATER



THE TIME
WILL COME
WHEN YOU'LL
HAVE TO
FIGHT TO
RETRIEVE...

...THE
TRUTH!



...



DRINK
UP! IT'S
ON ME



...SEE
YA



THANKS.



WE'RE
BACK!!



C'MON,
WE GOT
SOME
MONEY!
LET'S
PARTY!

WHAT'S
WITH
THE SAO
FACES?



HUH?



YO! I
BUMPED INTO
NATSUMI AND
HELPED OUT
WITH HER
SHOPPING!

YEAH!
♥

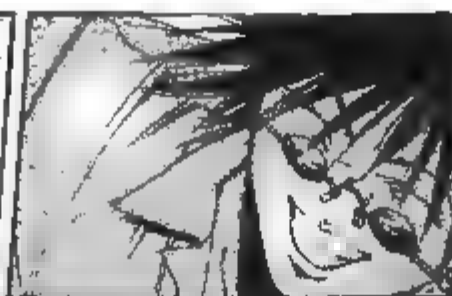
HEY, PAUL,
BRING
ME SOME
GRUB!

It's time to
celebrate
another job
well done

IF
YOU'VE
GOT
CASH,
HOW
ABOUT
PAYING
YOUR
TAB?

AHH!
WHY'D
YOU HIT
ME?!

LINK
TOWN



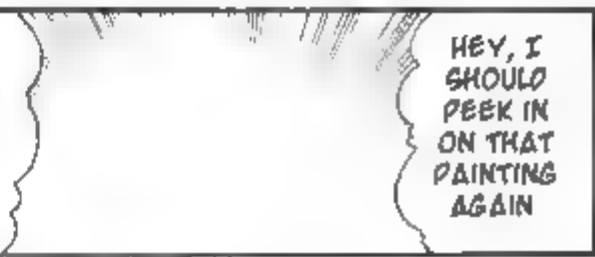
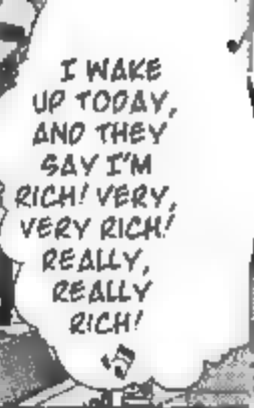
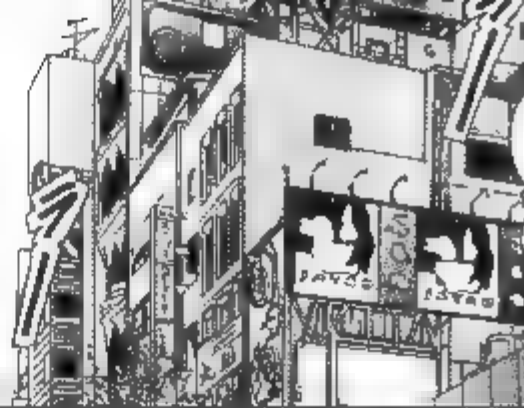
...KILLED MY
SISTER...

BAN MIDO...



I TRUST YOU,
BAN-CHAN...

I BELIEVE
IN YOU...





BURN THIS
PAINTING
INTO YOUR
MINDS...

HEY,
YOU
TWO.

...WILL
REMAIN
FOREVER
BEAUTIFUL
IN YOUR
HEARTS.

...THE
GOD-
DESS
I'M
PAINT-
ING...

...SO THAT
WHEN THEY
TEAR THIS
WALL DOWN
SOMEDAY...

ETERNALLY
BEAUTIFUL...

YES...

A TRUE
ARTIST.

HE
WAS AN
ARTIST.

HEY,
BAN-
CHAN,
CAN I
ASK YOU
SOME-
THING?

SURE.

YEAH...



110
?

COULD IT
BE THAT...
THAT WAS
THE EVIL
EYE?



THE
PICTURE
WE SAW
YESTER-
DAY...



QUIT
BUGGING
ME!

BUT I
WANNA
KNOW!

WHO
CARES?

As long
as we get
paid!

E'MON,
TELL ME!

MAN, THIS
LUNCH BOX
IS GREAT!
TOTALLY
WORTH 780
YEN



I
SAID,
SHUT
UP!

COME
ON!

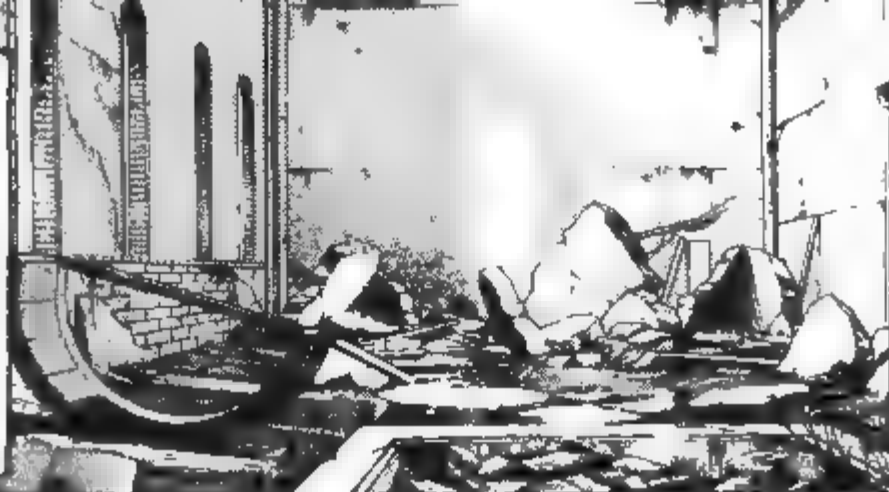
I FEEL LIKE
I KIND OF
UNDER-
STAND
WHAT THAT
MEANS.

BAN-CHAN
SAID THAT
KAITO WAS
A TRUE
ARTIST.

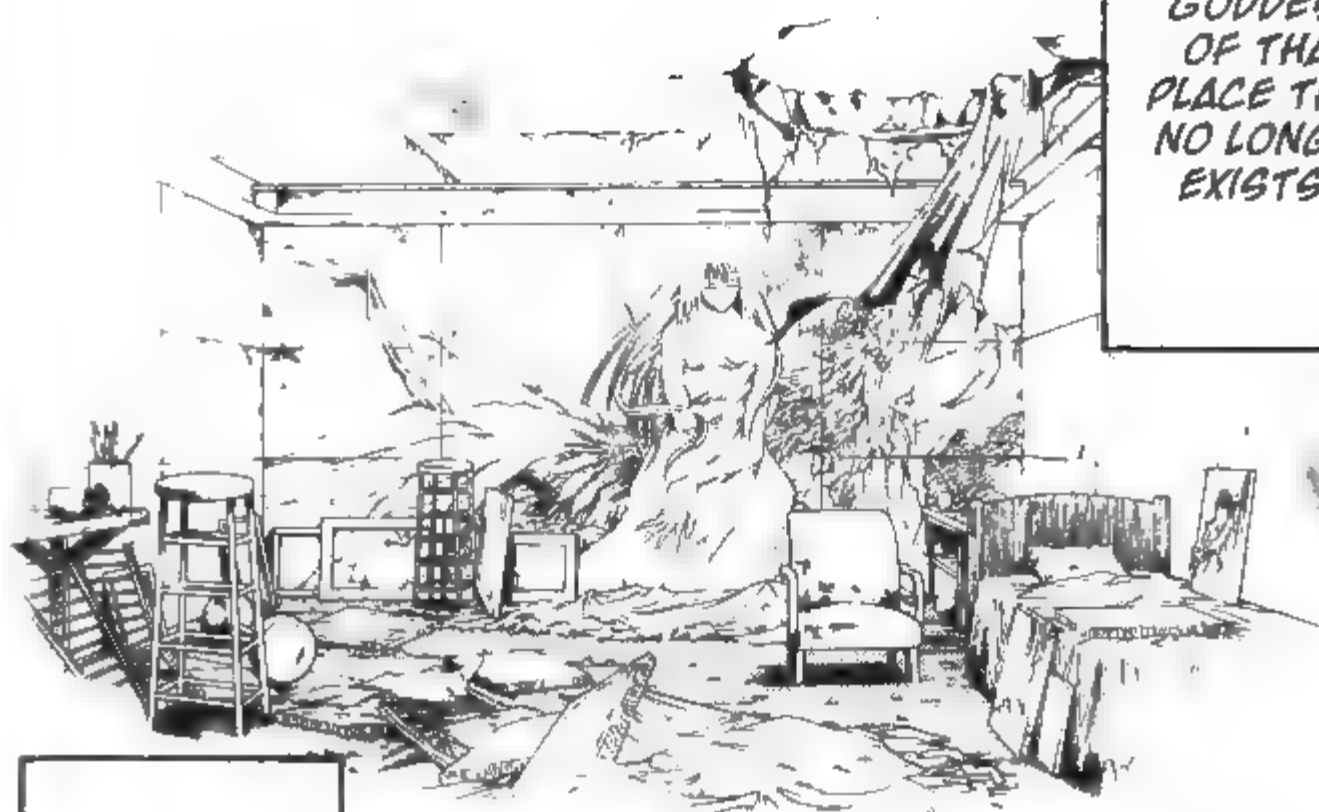


...THAT
WE WILL
NEVER BE
ABLE TO
FORGET...

BECAUSE
I FEEL...



...THE
GODDESS
OF THAT
PLACE THAT
NO LONGER
EXISTS...

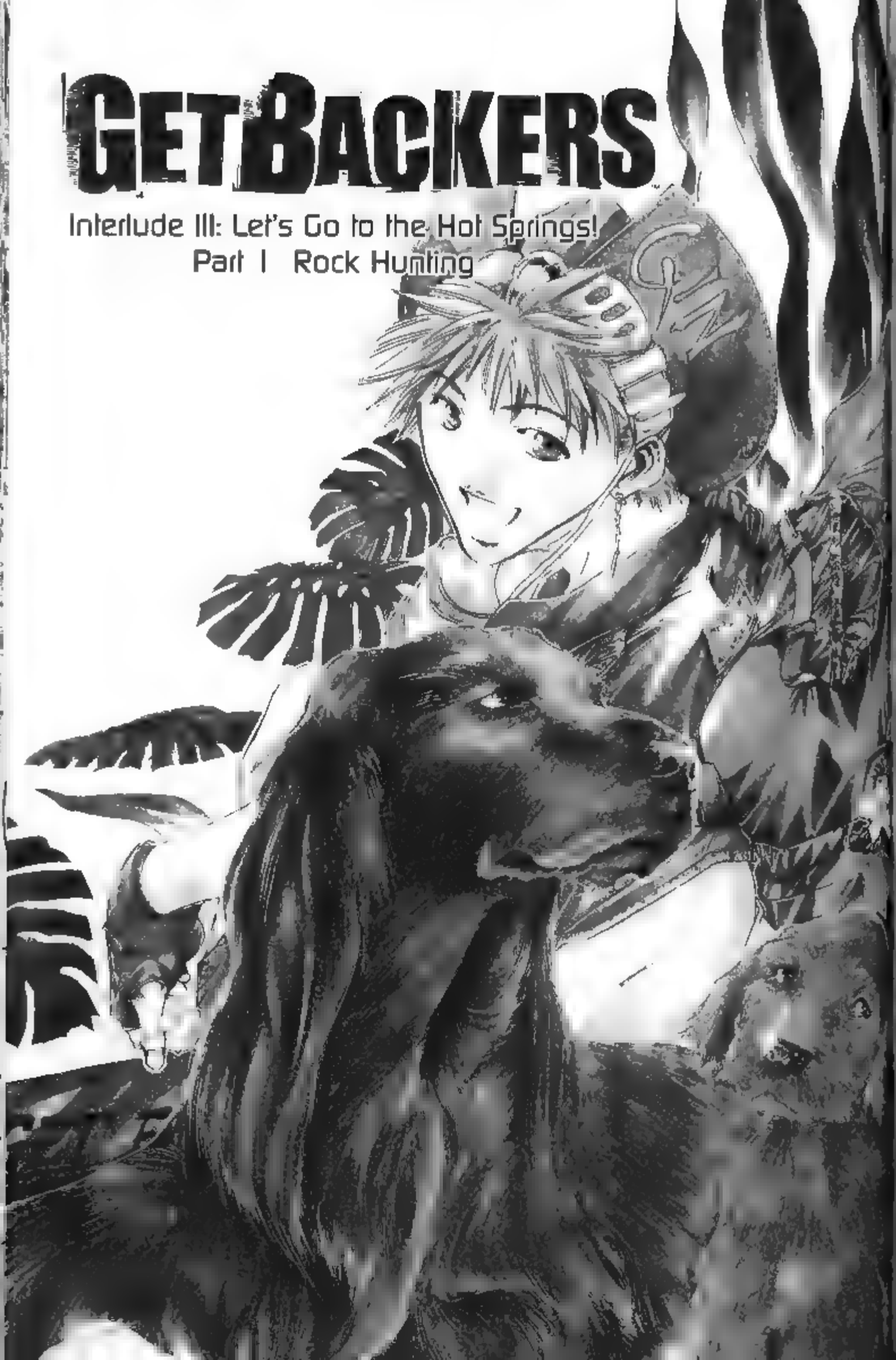


...REACH-
ING OUT TO
US WITH
HER ARMS.

GET BACKERS

Interlude III: Let's Go to the Hot Springs!

Part I Rock Hunting



GetBackers Popularity Poll Results!

This poll was conducted in issue 19, 2001 to issue 43, 2001



1st Ginji Amano 3825 votes



2nd Kuroudo Akabane 3369 votes



3rd Ban Mido 2842 votes



4th Kazuki Fuchouin 1775 votes



5th MakubeX 903 votes



6th Shido Fuyuki 657 votes



7th Juubei Kakei 645 votes



8th Yukihiro Miroku 351 votes



9th Himiko Kudo 283 votes

10th Heva 256 votes



Here's 11th and beyond!

11th	Kyouji Kagami	213 votes
12th	Natsumi Mizuki	208 votes
13th	Gouzou Maguruma	176 votes
14th	Haruki Emishi	158 votes
15th	Sakura Kakei	145 votes
16th	Takeru Teshimine	125 votes
17th	Paul Wan	91 votes
18th	Madoka Otowa	79 votes
19th	Ren	54 votes
20th	Takuma Fudou	33 votes

21st	Traffic Department girl
22nd	Detective Yabukita
23rd	Rando Ayamine
24th	Manji Clan
25th	Girl with the rabbit
26th	Clayman
27th	Tome-san
28th	Kinue Akagawa
29th	Yuya Aoki
30th	Assistant Agent Wakagashira
31st	Shunsuke Akutsu
32nd	Mozart (dog)
33rd	Eiichiro Ootaki
34th	Miss Heta
35th	Gensui Radou
36th	Binghu
37th	Natsuhiko Miroku
38th	The kid who wanted his FF game retrieved
39th	The young Bealmen vocalist (??)



TEN YEARS
SINCE THE
GREAT RECES-
SION, AND THIS
COUNTRY IS
HAVING TROU-
BLE ENTERING
THE NEW ERA

A NEW PLAN
FOR A NEW
HUMANITY...

WELL, THE
PLAN MAY
HAVE BEEN
TOO MUCH
TOO SOON
FOR THEM



HOW
WAS THE
CRUISE?

WHAT
DID YOU
THINK,
PROFES-
SOR?

YOUR INFOR-
MATION WAS
ACCURATE I
GOT TO MEET
SOME PEOPLE
WHO SMELLED
OF DARKNESS
AND WAS ABLE
TO TEST OUT MY
NEW DRUG

IT WAS
PRETTY
ENJOYABLE,
SCORPIO

I EVEN
MET THE
ONE WHO
MAY HOLD
THE KEY...

VERY
PROMISING
RESULTS
INDEED

HMM
THEY
ALL HAD
PROMISE

DID YOU
FIND
ANYONE
SUIT-
ABLE?

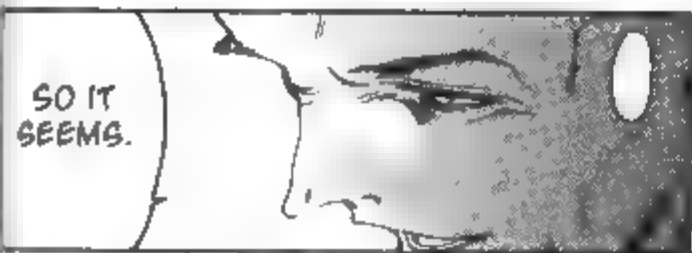
PLUS SOME
NON-INFIN-
ITY FORTRESS
RESIDENTS
PIQUED MY
INTEREST

THERE'S A
MAN NAMED
OR JACKAL
WHOSE
LEVEL OF
AWAKENING
WAS QUITE
IMPRESSION



THE
REUNION
WITH THE
BRAIN TRUST
MEMBERS.

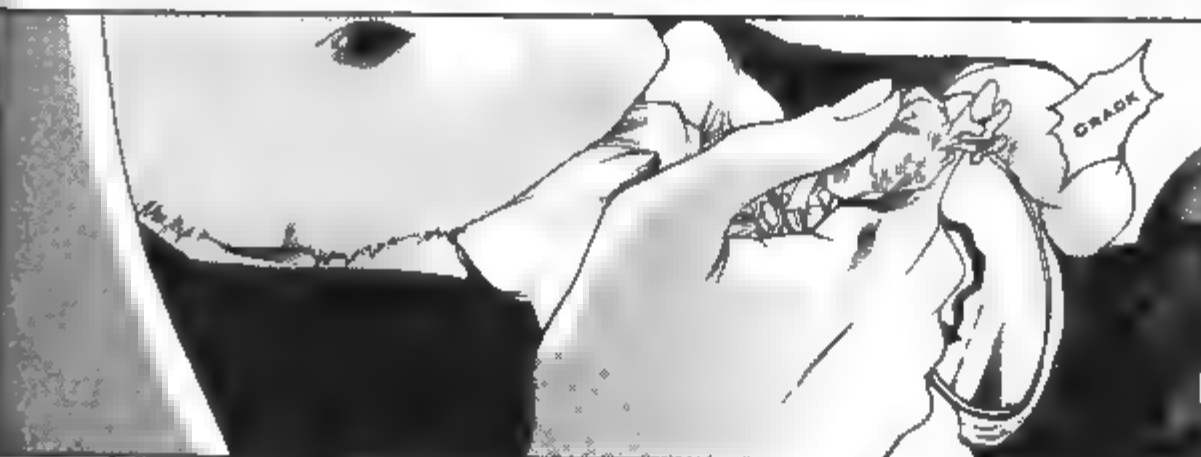
LOOKS
LIKE IT
WON'T BE
TOO LONG
UNTIL .



SO IT
SEEMS.



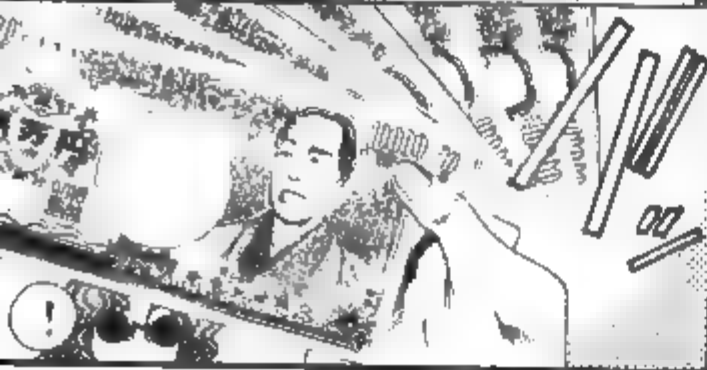
IN ANY
CASE,
I'M ON MY
WAY TO A
METHOD FOR
ACHIEVING
THE ULTRA
JUMP USING
AN APPROACH
DIFFERENT
FROM WHAT
THE BRAIN
TRUST IS AT-
TEMPTING



WE WILL
SURELY
SEE THEM
AGAIN WHEN
THE TIME
COMES...



...IN THAT
CASTLE
INHABITED
BY REBELS
AGAINST
GOD...



請求書 GetBackers 様 No. _____

★ ¥ 300000

但 年 月 日 上記正に請求いたします

内 訳
支払金額
消費税額等 (%)

*Note: Around \$3,000



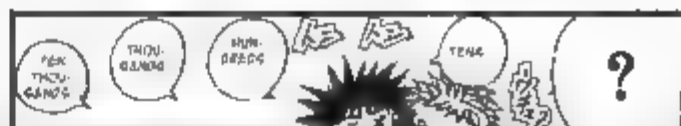
HUNDRED
THOU-
SANDS...



ONES

WHOA!
30K!

THOSE
RUBBER
DOLLS
SURE ARE
EXPEN-
SIVE



PER
THOU-
SANDS

THOU-
SANDS

HUN-
DREDS

K3 K3

TENA

?

300
THOU-
SAND?!

HEY,
CLAYMAN!
WHAT THE
FUCK?! 300K
FOR YOUR
SHITTY
RUBBER
DOLLS?!



A LOT

WOW,
THAT'S A
LOT!

HOW
MUCH IS
300,000?



SHITTY?

THOSE
"SHITTY"
DOLLS ARE
WORKS OF
ART.. THAT
SAVED YOUR
LIFE!

MY
SERVICES
AREN'T
FREE, YOU
KNOW...



B-BAN-
CHAN!
CALM
DOWN

CHEAP

Are you the
"great" Ban
Mido or the
"cheap"
Ban Mido?



ART MY
ASS! DIVIDE
THIS BILL BY
TEN AND
I'LL PAY IT!

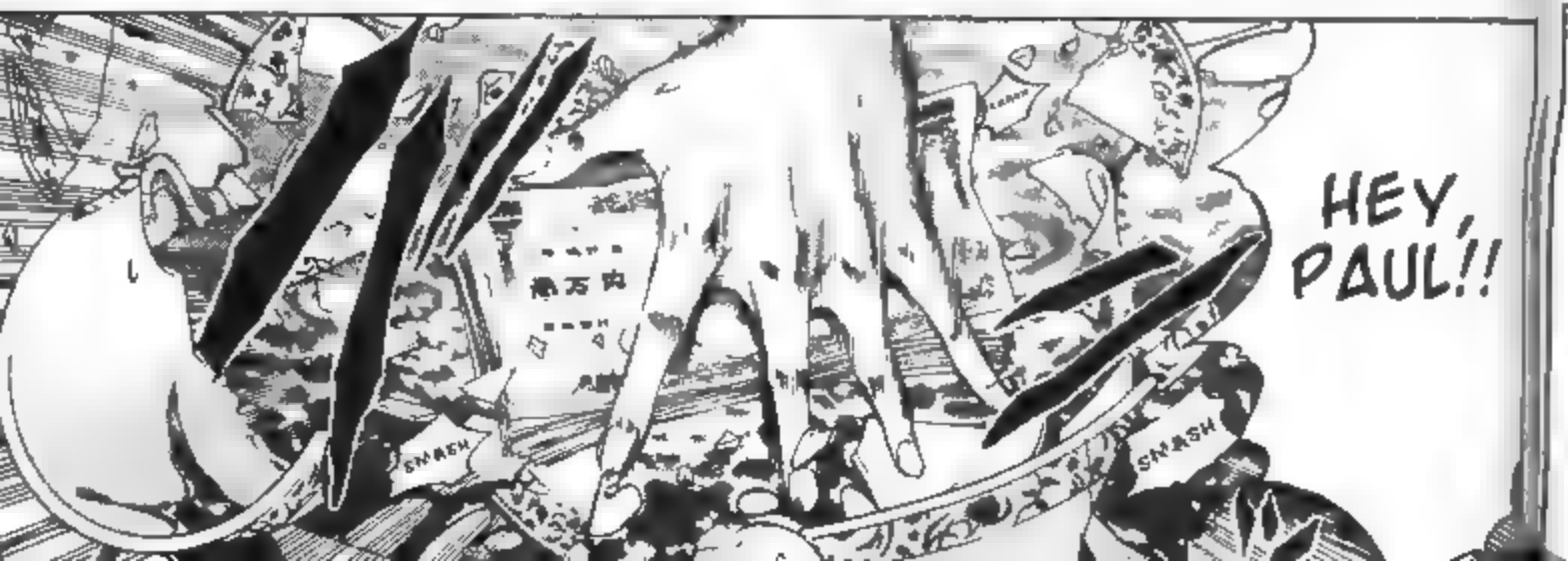


It's too early
for this much
drama



Nice
Our
phone

FINE, CLAYMAN!
I'LL PAY THE
FULL PRICE!! NOW
WHO'S CHEAP?!



HEY,
PAUL!!

I WANT
YOU TO
TAKE
THIS
MONEY...

...AND
SHOVE IT
DOWN HER
THROAT...

Skesh

HUH?

YOU'RE
STILL
SHORT,
BAN

PUT IT
ON MY
TAB

SORRY
GIN-CHAN
WE CAN'T
TAKE BACK
ANYTHING
THAT'S
BEEN IN
YOUR MOUTH

I'D
LIKE TO
RETURN
THIS
COF-
FEE

THOSE
CUPS
YOU JUST
SMASHED
COST 50K
A SET.

YOU
OWE ME
ANOTHER
50,000
YEN.

HMM?

I
HEARD
I COULD
FIND
THEM
HERE

ARE THE
RETRIEV-
ERS
HERE?

...HIRE
THEM FOR
A JOB!

I'D LIKE
TO...

KEEN

BI



MONEY
MAKES
PEOPLE
SAY THE
DARNED-
EST
THINGS.

RE-
ALLY?

THEY'RE
LIKE
HYENAS.

OUR
1,000-PLUS
EMPLOYEES
ARE TOLD TO
DRESS LIKE
THIS AS WELL
COMPANY
POLICY!

NO, DON'T
GO! WE MAY
NOT LOOK LIKE
MUCH, BUT WE
ARE PROFES-
SIONAL RE-
TRIEVERS! WE
DRESS DOWN
TO KEEP A LOW
PROFILE

HMM
PERHAPS
I MADE A
MIS-
TAKE

SO,
WHAT'S
THE
TROUBLE,
MADAM?

Sorry for making
you come to this
dumpy

UM
I'M VICE
PRESIDENT
IN CHARGE
OF UH
SALES, GINJI
AMANO!

YES! I'M THE
GETBACKERS
JAPAN MAN-
AGEMENT REP-
RESENTATIVE
AND COMPANY
PRESIDENT,
BAN MIDO!
WELCOME,
MADAM!

2001



WOW!
THESE HOT
SPRINGS
SURE ARE
AWESOME!

THIS IS A
TOTALLY
SWEET JOB
WE LANDED,
BAN-CHAN!

Bwa ha ha ha ha!

WE'RE TALKING
ABOUT A 50K-A-
NIGHT PREMIUM
INN, HERE! ♡
IF IT WEREN'T FOR
THIS JOB, WE'D
NEVER GET TO
STAY AT A PLACE
LIKE THIS



Review

I NEED
IT BACK
WITHIN
TWO DAYS!

IT'S MY
WEDDING
RING

REMEMBER
WHAT SHE
SAID?



WE'RE HERE
TO RETRIEVE
A RING
SHOULD WE
KICKING
BACK LIKE
THIS?

AND
YOU'RE
SURE THIS
IS OKAY,
BAN-CHAN?



THAT
MEANS
THE THIEF
IS OBVI-
OUSLY

UNDE-
STAND?

AFTER
SHE TOOK
IT OFF
AND PUT IT
IN A TUB
LIKE THAT ONE



YES...?



RIGHT



YOU
IDIOT,
WE'RE
LOOK-
ING FOR
CLUES
AS WE
SPEAK

?

THAT RICH
GRANNY
WAS IN THE
WOMEN'S
HOT SPRING
WHEN HER
THREE-CARAT
DIAMOND
RING WAS
STOLEN ..



WE'RE FOLLOWING THE CRIMINAL'S PATH TO THE WOMEN'S BATH WE'RE INVESTIGATING THE CRIME SCENE.

YOU FOOL! OF COURSE NOT!

WE'RE GONNA PEEP?



HMM WE SHOULD BE ABLE TO GET A GOOD VIEW THROUGH THE GAPS IN THIS FENCE

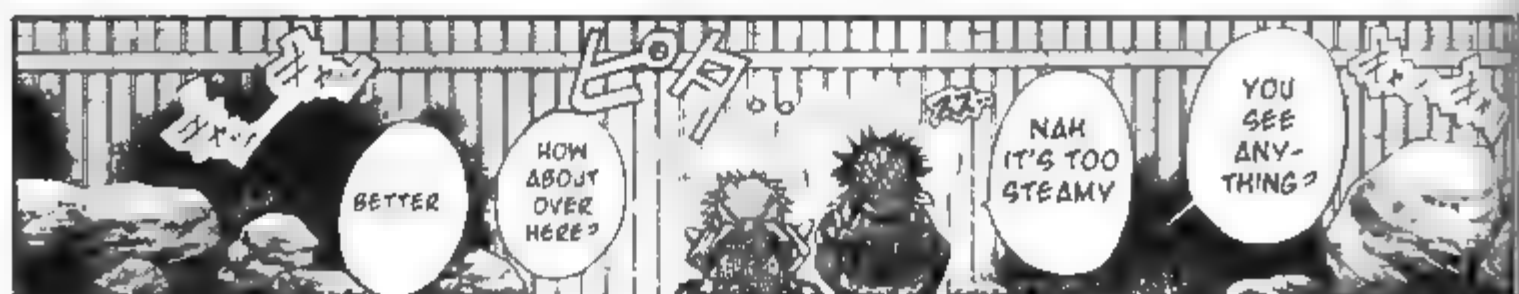
BAN-CHAN THIS IS BAD

MY THEORY IS THAT MID-WAY THROUGH PEEPING, OLD TOM DECIDED TO SNAG THE RING.

OF COURSE!

What's with the outfit?

SO THE THIEF'S A PEEP-ING TOM?



BETTER

HOW ABOUT OVER HERE?

NAH IT'S TOO STEAMY

YOU SEE ANY-THING?



OH!!

YEAH! ME TOO!

NOW I CAN SEE!



NO YOUNG
BEAUTIES AT AN
EXPENSIVE PLACE
LIKE THIS, HUH,
BAN-CHAN



DAMMIT!
SO THE
THIEF
WASN'T
A PEEDING
TOM

UNLESS
HE EVER
OLD
CHECKS



チヤヲ

**AAAAAH!
MY NECK-
LACE!!**



!



**BAN-
CHAN!!**

**AFTER
HIM,
GINJI!!**





HUH?



THAT WAS
INHUMAN
SPEED...

Faster than
Bon chan
during a dine
and ditun

DAMN,
WHERE'D
HE GO?



A girl
in a
yukata?

A...

There's a
hot spring
out here?

A
hidden
spring?



HUH?



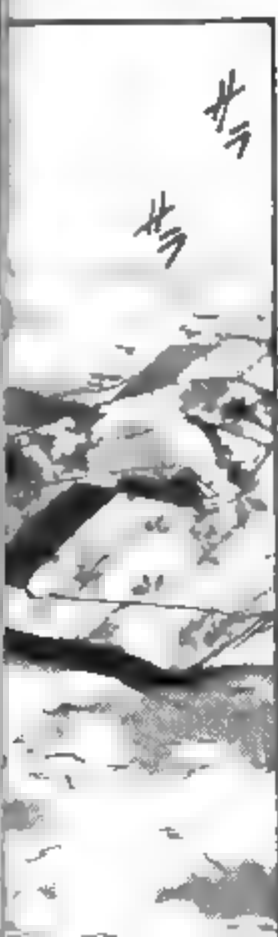
SHUSH!

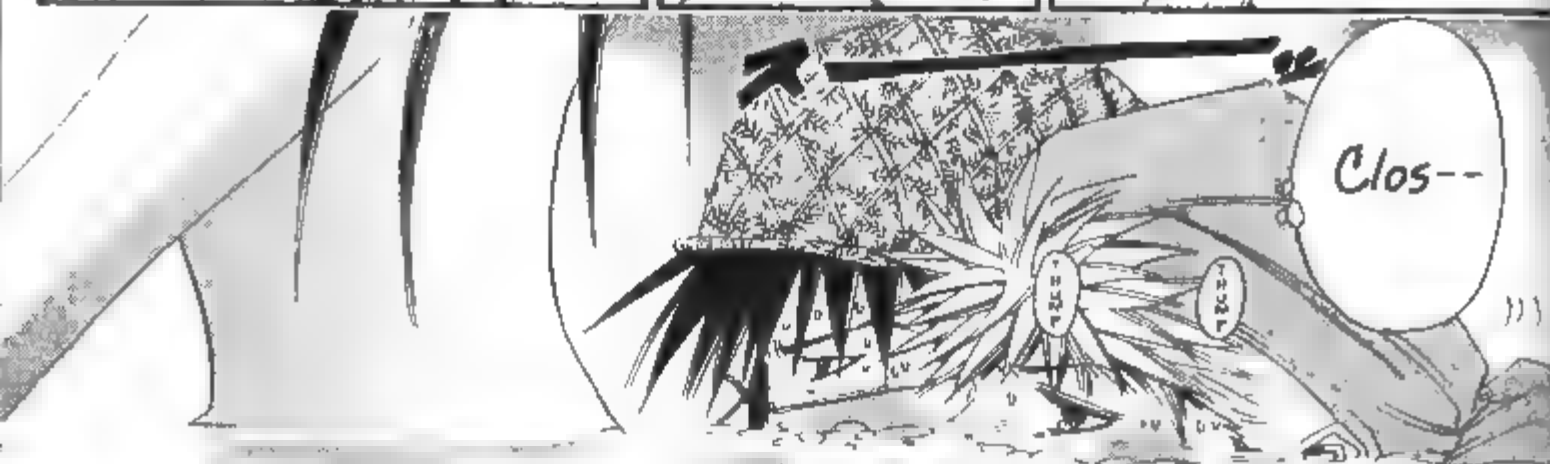
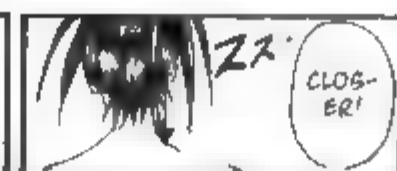
WHERE'D
HE RUN
OFF TO?

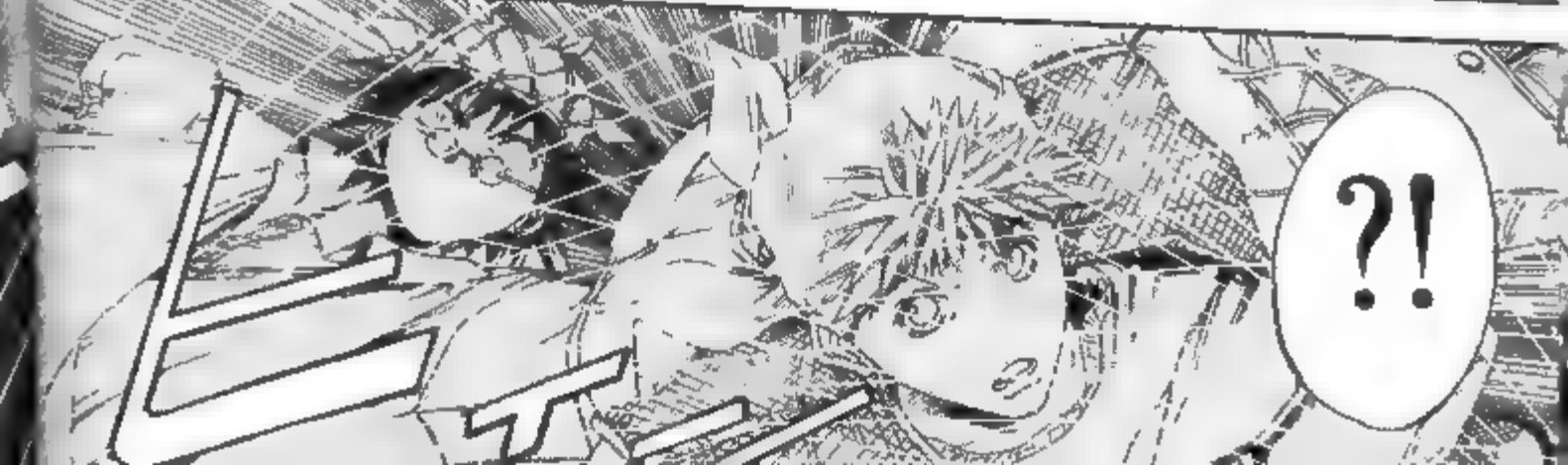
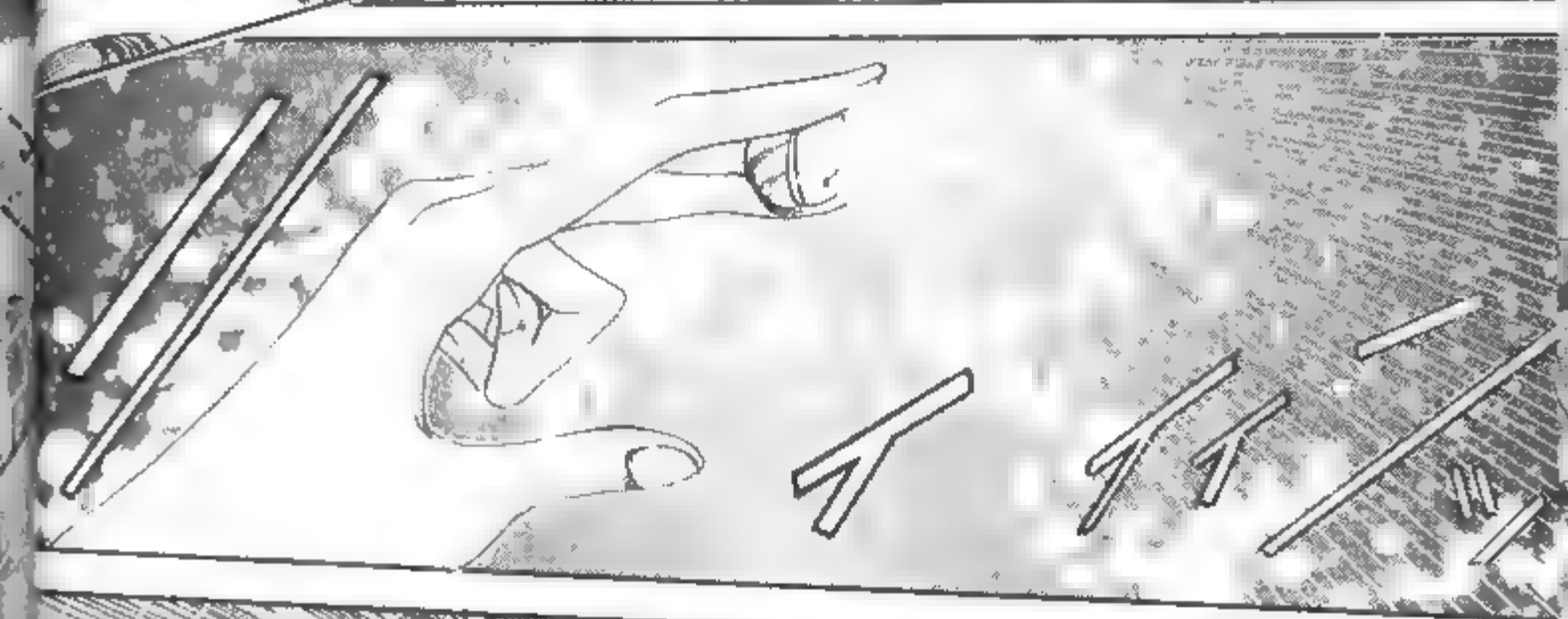


LOOK!

WHAT?
YOU
SEE
HIM?









STRING?!

JK

IMPRESSIVE
HOW YOU
SNUCK UP
BEHIND ME
WITHOUT
GIVING
YOURSELVES
AWAY

JEEZ.

...IT'S
PRETTY
LOW TO BE
PEEPING
LIKE THAT.

HOW-
EVER...

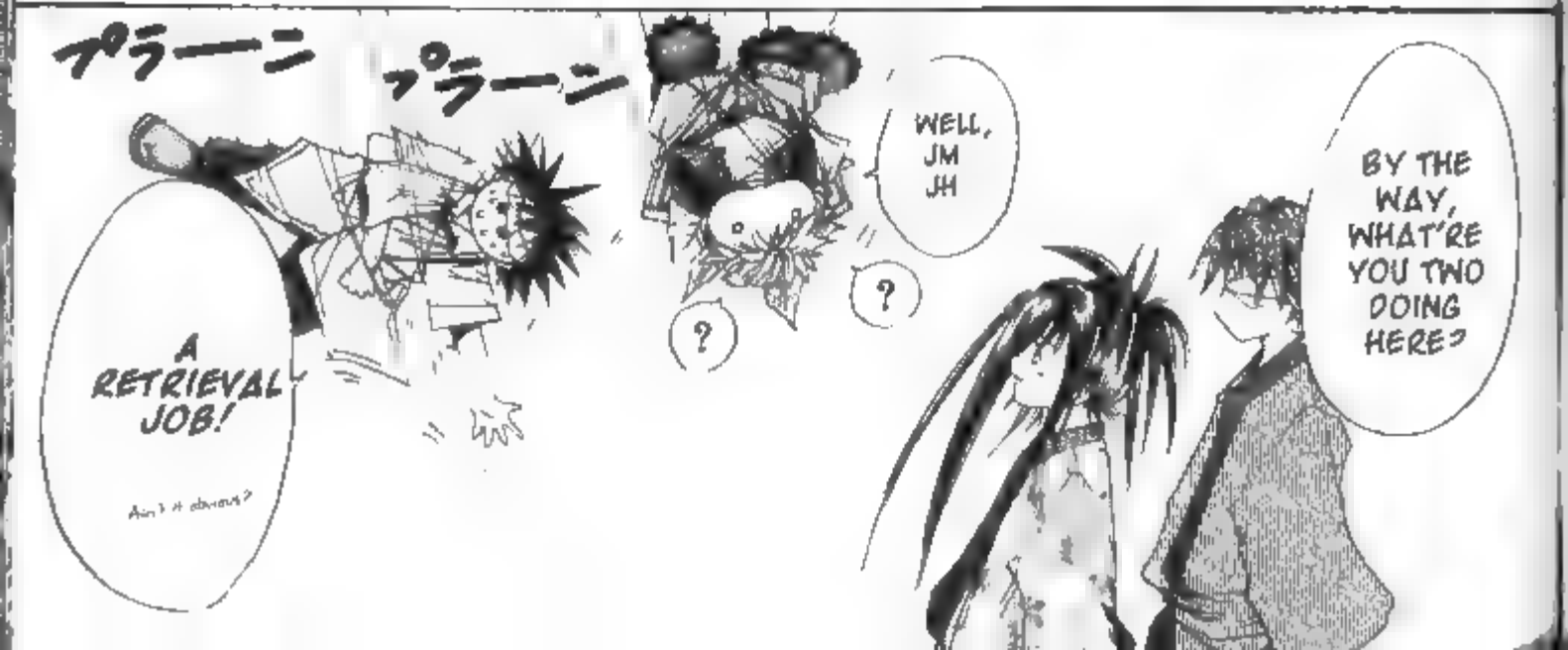
YOU
GUYS....!

OHH...



KAZU-
CHAN!

JUBEI!!



プランニ プランニ

A
RETRIEVAL
JOB!

Ain't it obvious?

WELL,
JM
JH

BY THE
WAY,
WHAT'RE
YOU TWO
DOING
HERE?

GET BACKERS





GET BACKERS


Interlude III: Let's Go to the Hot Springs!
Part 2: Overwhelming Attack



I SEE SO
YOU'RE UP
HERE FOR
TREATMENT
ON JUUBEI'S
EYES

YES IN THE
FUUCHOUIN
STYLE'S BOOK
OF DEFENSE
TECHNIQUE SCROLL
THERE'S A CHAPTER
THAT LISTS ALL THE
MOUNTAINS THAT
HAVE SPECIAL
HEALING HOT
SPRINGS, ALONG
WITH WHERE TO
FIND THE BEST
NATURAL MEDI-
CINES


WITH
MODERN
DEVELOP-
MENT, SUCH
PLACES ARE
BECOMING
RARE, BUT
THIS SPRING IS
SAID TO WORK
QUITE WELL
FOR VISION
RECOVERY



HE
WOULDN'T
REST
UNTIL HE
DROGGED
ME UP
HERE

LOSING
MY SIGHT
ISN'T SUCH
A BIG DEAL
TO ME, SO
I TOLD HIM
NOT TO
BOTHER,
BUT

YEAH?



I LOST MY SIGHT
AS A PUNISHMENT
FROM GOD FOR
TRYING TO KILL
YOU WITH THE
FORBIDDEN BLACK
NEEDLES

I TOLD
YOU
BEFORE,
KAZUKI

HEET IS
I JUST
ME TO GO
VILL TWO
GIVING THE
NEWLY KNOWN
IN A HOT
KIDING
HONEY
MONEY

JUUBEI...



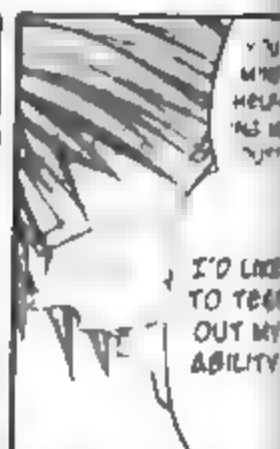
YES?

OH,
LIGHT-
NING
LORD

I'VE BEEN
TRAINING
HARD WHILE
UP HERE
IN THESE
MOUNTAINS



SURE



I'D LIKE
TO TEST
OUT MY
ABILITY



AND KAZU-
CHAN'S
BEST
FRIEND

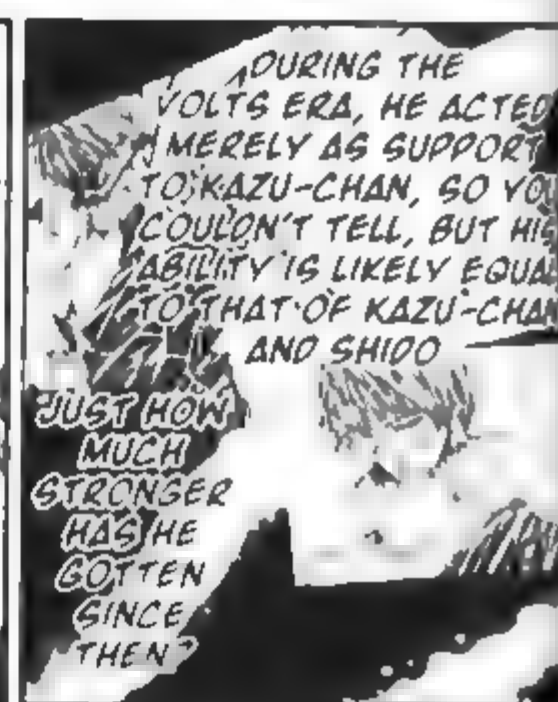
JUUBEI KAKEI
FORMER VOLTS
MEMBER AND
MASTER OF
KAKEI STYLE
NEEDLE JUTSU



BRING
IT!



HERE
GOES!



DURING THE
VOLTS ERA, HE ACTED
MERELY AS SUPPORT
TO KAZU-CHAN, SO YOU
COULDN'T TELL, BUT HIS
ABILITY IS LIKELY EQUAL
TO THAT OF KAZU-CHAN
AND SHIDO

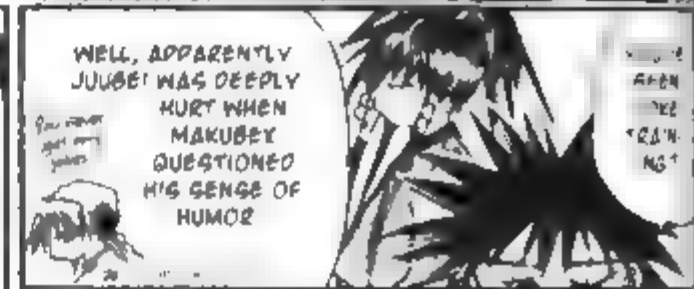
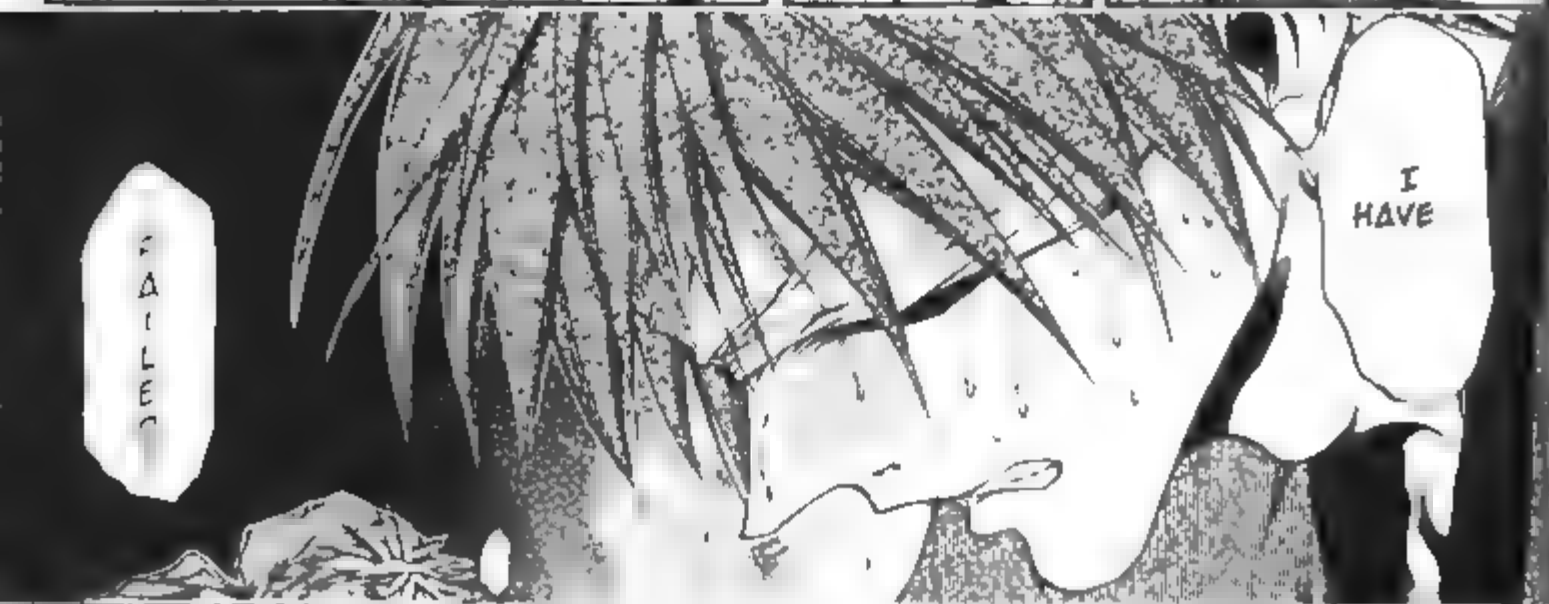
JUST HOW
MUCH
STRONGER
HAS HE
GOTTEN
SINCE
THEN?





DON'T
PUT
YOUR
FOOT
ON...

...THE
FUTON
!!





WELL,
AT LEAST
YOU GUYS
SEEM TO
BE DOING
WELL

DON'T
WORRY
ABOUT
IT

I
SUCK

AND GLAD
TO HEAR
MAKUBEX
IS FINE,
TOO.



HUH?

WHAT A
WASTE!

UH,
WHAT'RE
YOU
DOING,
BAN-
CHAN?



THAT'S
ENOUGH!



TEE HEE .. I
CAN'T HELP
IT. THAT'S
HOW I WAS
BROUGHT
UP...

BROUGHT
UP?




YEAH, HE'S
STRANGELY
SEDUCTIVE...
HE CARRIES
HIMSELF SO
GIRLILY .LY .

Should we be talking
about this?


IF YOU
COVER UP
THE MALE
PARTS, HE
MAKES FOR
A PRETTY
HOT GIRL!

Use your
mag'nat on



...FOR
AS LONG
AS I CAN
REMEMBER,
THAT'S
HOW I WAS
RAISED.

AS THE
HEIR TO THE
FUUCHOUIN
FAMILY...



THAT'S THE
FATE OF THOSE
BORN THE
ELDEST SON
OF THE MAIN
HOUSE



SO I
LEARNED
TO DANCE,
PLAY THE
HARP AND
WEAR A
KIMONO


TO MASTER
FULCHOUIN
STYLE STRING
JUTSU, THE
FLEXIBILITY
COMMON IN
THE FEMALE
BODY IS A
NECESSITY



LIKE WITH
THE MIROKU
FAMILY,
FOR EX-
AMPLE...




THAT
ATTITUDE
IS WHAT
CREATES
A LOT OF
ENEMIES
FOR YOU.



YEAH, SO
WHY DID MR
PRIVILEGED
RUN OFF
TO INFINITY
FORTRESS,
THEN?

WOW.
BEING
BORN INTO
A FAM-
ILY WITH
A LEGACY
LIKE THAT
SURE IS
ROUGH.



PFT
I'M NOT A
PUSS LIKE
YOU GUYS.

I'm invincible

THAT'S
SOME-
THING
YOU'RE
BETTER
OFF NOT
KNOW-
ING

GETTING
INVOLVED IN
THAT COULD
LOSE YOU
YOUR
HEAD



I'VE
HEARD
THINGS
ABOUT
MOST
CLANS WITH
HISTORIES
LIKE THAT

AND THE
MIROKU CLAN
ARE FAMOUS
ANCIENT
MARTIAL
ARTS
MASTERS



THEY
SAY THE
MA'N
FAMILY
WAS--




I HAVE
GOOD
EARS




OH, YOU
KNOW
ABOUT
THAT?






BUT
OCCASIONALLY
CURIOSITY
LEADS TO
GREAT
KNOWLEDGE

YEAH .
IN MANY
WAYS,
THAT WAS
BECAUSE
OF WHAT
MIDO-KUN
CALLS
CURIOS-
ITY.



PARDON
ME
THAT'S
NONE OF
MY BUSI-
NESS, IS
IT?



LIKE
WHAT
ABOUT
THAT
TIME YOU
CRAWLED
BACK
ALL BEAT
UP?

KEEP
IN MIND
WHAT
CURIOSITY
DID FOR
THE CAT.



OH YEAH,
MAKUBEX
WAS TALKING
ABOUT SOME
SECRET THAT
LIES ABOVE

BUT I
NEVER
WENT UP
THERE, SO
I WOULDN'T
KNOW

THE
MIDDLE
SLUM
AREA?


THAT'S
RIGHT



HUH?



IT'S HELL.



I WAS SO
YOUNG AND
INEXPERIENCED
BACK THEN,
IT'S AMAZING
I EVEN
SURVIVED

WHAT
IS LIFE?
WHAT IS
DEATH?

UP THERE,
YOU CAN'T
EVEN TELL...
IT'S TRUE
HELL.



YES,
ABOUT
HIM.. I DID
A LITTLE
RESEARCH
AND UNCOV-
ERED SOME
INTERESTING
THINGS

YEAH,
REN-
CHAN'S
GRANDPA,
RIGHT?

HEY,
GINJI-
SAN .

REMEMBER
THAT MEDI-
CINE MAN,
GEN, WHO
SAVED OUR
LIVES DURING
THE "IL"
RETRIEVAL?



ALSO A GENIUS
MATHEMATICIAN,
HE DESIGNED THE
HIGH-TECH BUILDING
THAT WAS PUT UP
AFTER THE GREAT
SHINJUKU FIRE

HE WAS
SAID TO BE
ONE OF THE
GREATEST
ARCHITECTS
OF THE 20TH
CENTURY


HIS
NAME
IS
GENSUI
RADOU



LIKE
WHAT?



!



YOU COULD
SAY THE OLD
MAN IS THE
FATHER OF
INFINITY
FORTRESS.

THAT'S
RIGHT--THE
SKYSCRAPER
THAT MAKES
UP THE CENTER
OF INFINITY
FORTRESS,
BABYLON
TOWER.

AND...

..HE'S
ALSO THE
ONE WHO
INTRODUCED
MAKUBEX
TO HIS
GREATEST
WEAPON,
COMPUT-
ERS.

AREN'T
YOU
INTER-
ESTED?

WHAT
ARE HIS
TRUE
INTEN-
TIONS?

WHY IS
SOMEONE
LIKE THAT
LIVING
THERE?

HE
IS?!

I'M
LOOK-
ING FOR
TROUBLE

THE REASON
I WENT TO
INFINITY
FORTRESS
WAS TO
HONOR MY
MOTHER'S
FINAL
REQUEST

SERIOUSLY,
THAT
CURIOSITY
IS GOING
TO GET
YOU INTO A
WORLD OF
HURT



...SOME-
DAY,
I'LL...



...MOTHER,
I SWEAR...



IF THE
ENEMY WHO
DESTROYED
MY FAMILY
IS SOMEHOW
CONNECTED TO
INFINITY
FORTRESS...



KAZUKI

RUN
AWAY

...TO
INFIN-
ITY
FOR-
TRESS.



I MAY HAVE
LOST MY
VISION, BUT
I FEEL LIKE
I'M START-
ING TO SEE
SOMETHING
ELSE

IF I
CAN UNDER-
STAND IT, I
KNOW I WILL
BECOME MUCH
STRONGER.



YES,
JUUBEI?

KA-
ZUKI



I WAS
BORN TO
PROTECT
YOU



I'VE
TOLD
YOU BE-
FORE



AND THEN
I WILL
BE ABLE
TO FIGHT
BY YOUR
SIDE ONCE
AGAIN.



JUUBEI...



WHATEVER
FREAKIN'
LOSERS

HEH...



AAAH!
TALK
WITH
WORDS,
NOT
FISTS!

THIS IS
MORE
TO THE
POINT

WE'LL
FIGHT
WITH
THEM
TOO,
RIGHT?



SOUNDED
LIKE SOMEONE
GETTING INTO
THE WATER.

WHAT IS
IT, BAN-
CHAN?

HUH?



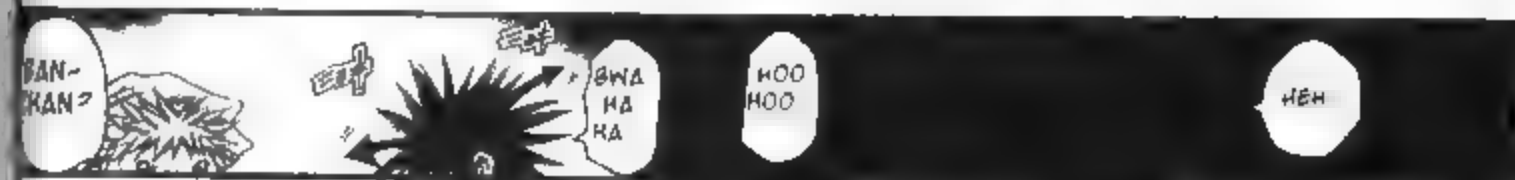
OK, YOU
SHOULDN'T
GO OVER
THERE, YOU
TWO



HOLD UP,
BAN-
CHAN!

?







THIS IS
WHAT HOT
SPRINGS
ARE ALL
ABOUT!

MWA HA
HA!! GIRLS,
BABY...
GIRLS!



CASU-
ALLY

CASU-
ALLY



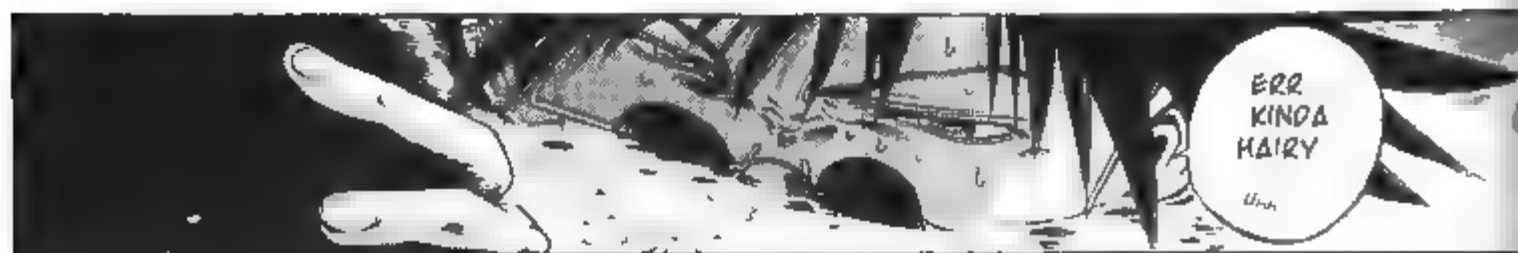
CASU-
ALLY

NOW,
CASUALLY
SNEAK
UP

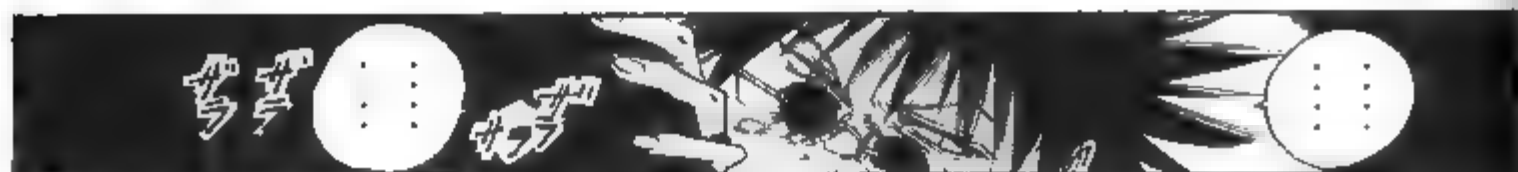


RUFFLE

HEY, BABE...
FANCY
MEETING
YOU HERE!



ERR
KINDA
HAIRY



5x ~~~~~h...



G A A A A A A H H ! !





THANK
GOODNESS
IT'S BACK,
MADAM!

WONDER-
FUL! YOU
GOT MY
RING BACK!

I'D
FORGOTTEN
THE RING
MY HONEY
GAVE ME WAS
ACTUALLY TO
CARATS LIKE
THIS!



MUST
BE HARD,
BEING A
RETRIEVER

*They really look
a beating*



LOOKS
LIKE THEY
FACED
SOME REAL
TOUGHIES
THIS TIME.



THAT RING
LOOKS SO
BEAUTIFUL
ON YOUR
FINGER
WHERE IT
BELONGS

FIGHTING SO
VALIANTLY
FOR THEIR
CLIENTS...

We can't
ever reveal
that we
got beat
up by
monkeys.

We
can't tell
them.

WE'RE
HAPPY
FOR YOU,
MADAM

GET BACKERS





IN THE BEGINNING, GOD CREATED
THE HEAVEN AND THE EARTH

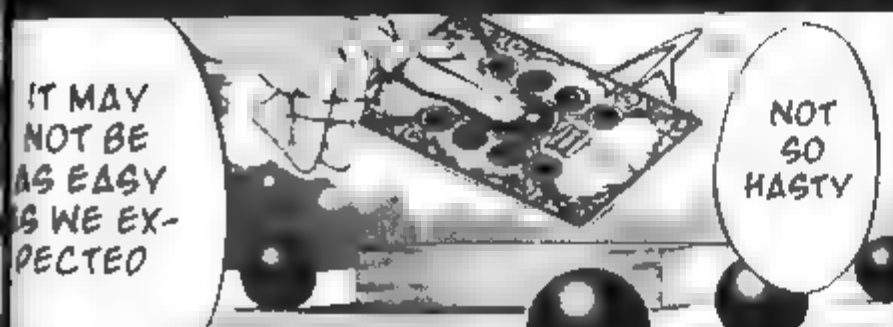
AND THE EARTH WAS WITHOUT FORM,
AND VOID, AND DARKNESS WAS UPON
THE FACE OF THE DEEP. AND THE
SPIRIT OF GOD MOVED UPON THE
FACE OF THE WATERS.

"LET THERE BE LIGHT,"
AND THERE WAS LIGHT

AND GOD SAID--

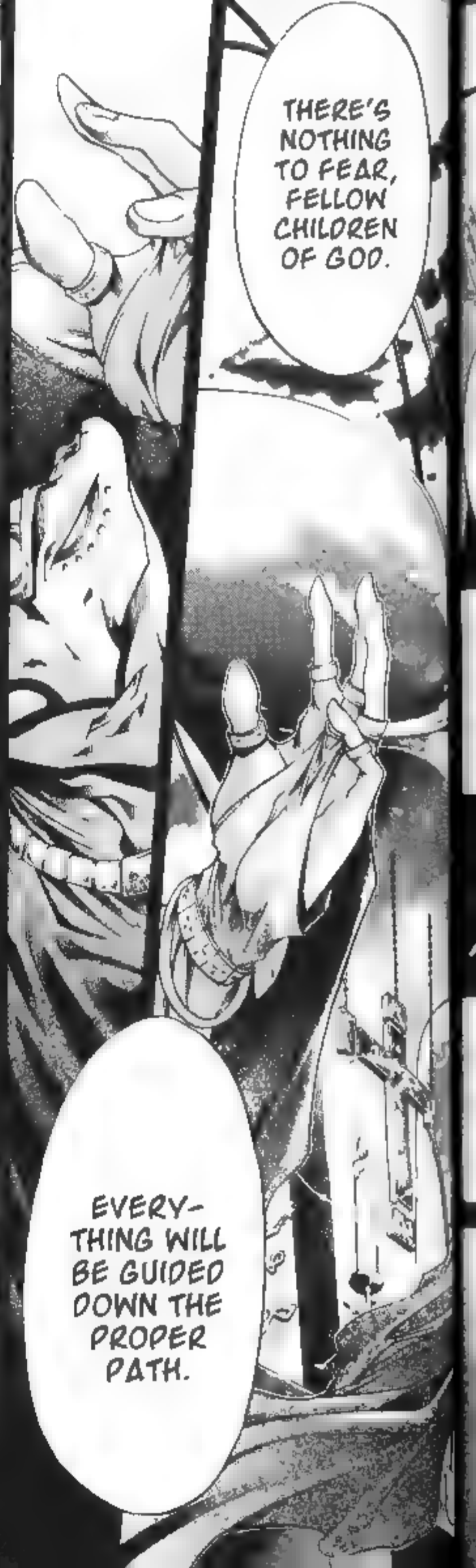
AND GOD SAW THE LIGHT, THAT IT
WAS GOOD. AND GOD DIVIDED THE
LIGHT FROM THE DARKNESS.

AND GOD CALLED THE LIGHT DAY,
AND THE DARKNESS HE CALLED
NIGHT. AND THE EVENING AND THE
MORNING WERE THE FIRST DAY





EVERY-
THING IS
CONTROLLED
BY...



THERE'S
NOTHING
TO FEAR,
FELLOW
CHILDREN
OF GOD.

...DIVINE
DESIGN!

EVERY-
THING WILL
BE GUIDED
DOWN THE
PROPER
PATH.



GET BACKERS

Act VIII: Divine Design
Part I: The More Things Change...



DAMN THAT CLAYMAN! BOOK FOR SOME FREAKIN' RUBBER BALLOONS? UGH, PISSES ME OFF JUST THINKING ABOUT IT!

BUT ISN'T IT YOUR FAULT FOR BREAKING THOSE CUPS?

DON'T BLAME ME, MAN! WE HAD TO GIVE PAUL HALF OF THE BOOK THAT GRANNY PAID US

SIGH. BACK TO DUMPSTER DIVING GUESS THOSE GOURMET LUNCHES WERE JUST A FLEETING DREAM



CHECK THIS OUT, GINJI! BEEF AND RICE!

Only a little while from growing



HEY, BAN-CHAN! I FOUND AN EEL ONE!

And it's only three days exposed!

SAME HERE

I WISH WE DIDN'T HAVE TO EAT OUT OF THE GARBAGE



REALLY! HOORAY! I'M SICK OF SLEEPING IN THE CAR

REALLY? MAYBE WE SHOULD USE THE REST OF OUR CASH AS A DOWN PAYMENT

I'm sure we'll get more work

THAT ROOM WITH THE LOFT WE SAW EARLIER IS STILL AVAILABLE!

THAT'S RIGHT, BAN-CHAN!

WELL, WE'VE BEEN GETTING A LOT OF WORK LATELY. WE SHOULD BE ABLE TO RENT A ROOM PRETTY SOON

THAT'S RIGHT!

Of course We're the GetBackers Japan co-president and vice-president remember?



ヒュウウウ...

No Parking
Car Towed
11:00 a.m.
Call 042-156



DUDE,
WHERE'S
OUR CAR?

INCLUDING
STORAGE,
TOWING AND
THE FINE...

All-Powerful Impounds

—Shinjuku Police

THAT WILL BE
30,010 YEN,
PLEASE!



LONG TIME
NO SEE,
EVERYONE
REMEMBER
ME??

*Trying to become
a regular
character*

Traffic Department

YES?
CAN I
HELP
YOU?

YEAH,
YOU!

HUBBA
HUBBA!

WE'RE
NOT SO
HARMLESS!

OH, BUT
WE DON'T
TOW
THE CARS MAFIA
OF THE CARS
HARMLESS,
LIKE YOU
TWO!

DON'T
"CAN I
HELP YOU"
ME!! WHY
ARE YOU
ALWAYS
TOWING
OUR CAR?!

WHY NOT PICK
ON THE RICH
GUYS AND
TOW SOME
BMW?! LOOK
AROUND--THIS
IS SHINJUKU!

*Thinking you're so big cause
you're the law. Maybe
I should help take a bite
outta those booties*

TEN
YEN!

TEN
YEN?

All-Powerful Auto In

WHAT?!

BAN-
CHAN!
HEY,
BAN-
CHAN!

WE'RE
TEN YEN
SHORT..



SAY,
BAN-CHAN,
DIDN'T
SOMETHING
LIKE THIS
HAPPEN
ONCE
BEFORE?

LOOK ALL
OVER!!
THERE'S
GOTTA BE
TEN YEN
LYING AROUND
SOMEWHERE!

SHUT
UP! JUST
SEARCH
THE
GROUND,
THEN!

THAT'S
ILLEGAL,
BAN-
CHAN


HOW SHOULD I
KNOW? QUIT BLABBER-
ING AND SEARCH THE
SODA MACHINES AND
PHONE BOOTHS! MAYBE
WE SHOULD JUST BUST
A MACHINE OPEN

TEN YEEEN!!

TEN YEN!
TEN YEN!
TEEN
YEEEN!!



ALL
MINE!!



I NEED A
COUPLE OF
RETRIEVERS.

NOT SO
FAST!
IT'S TO
HIRE
YOU
WITH.



YEAH,
SOME-
ONE TOOK
MY CARD
GAME



WHAT?!
SOME
STUPID
GAME
AGAIN?!

HEH HEH
I'LL GIVE
YOU THIS
TEN YEN UP
FRONT IF
YOU TAKE
THE JOB



BAN-
CHAN
IT'S THE
SAME
KID

I'M IN BIG
TROUBLE
I DON'T
GET IT
BACK

CALM
DOWN!!



OH!!
YOU'RE
THAT
DAMN
KID WHO
HIRED US
BEFORE!



YOU CAN'T GET YOUR CAR BACK, RIGHT?

YEAH, BUT WITHOUT THIS TEN YEN..

LISTEN, YOU LITTLE PISSANT-- WE'RE PROS, GOT THAT?

AND RE-MEMBER THE PAIN THIS KID PUT US THROUGH LAST TIME?!

BUT

IF WE SELL OURSELVES SHORT NOW, IT'LL NEVER END!

YEAH, BAN-CHAN WITH THAT MONEY, THE SUBARU 360 IS OURS AGAIN

Let's just swallow our pride and



HUH?

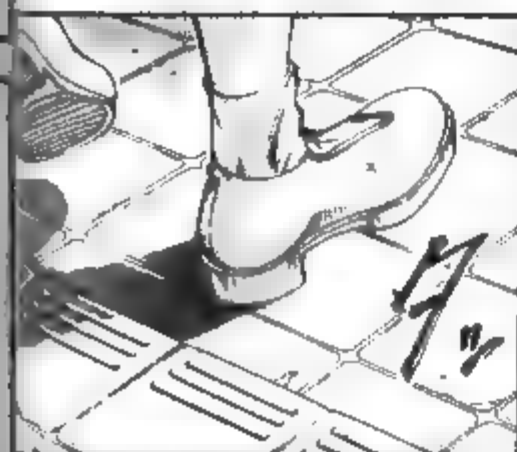
BUT BUT.





HUH?
WAIT, WHAT
ABOUT THIS
GAME YOU
WANT US
TO...

LISTEN
UP, I'M
COUNTING
ON YOU
GUYS...



HUH?

YOU'LL
LEARN
ABOUT
IT SOON
ENOUGH.

YOUR
CLIENTS
ARE WAITING
FOR YOU.

FOR
NOW, JUST
GET BACK
TO THAT
COFFEE
SHOP.





YOU GUYS
EVER TAKE
ANY TIME
OFF?

SHUT
UP

NOPE

WEL-
COME!



ACTUALLY,
YOU HAVE
SOME CUS-
TOMERS.



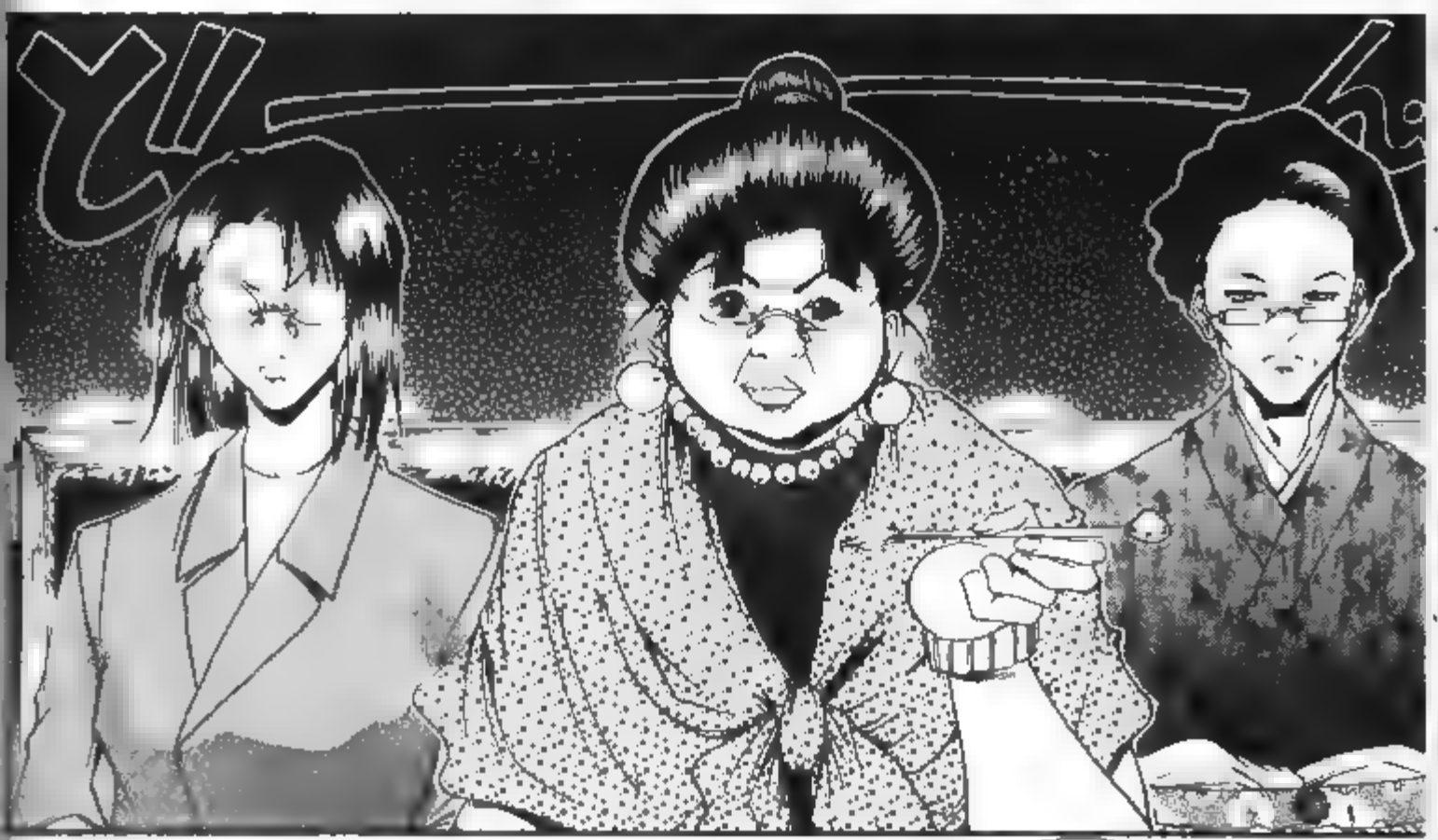
HEY,
PAUL!
GOT ANY
JOBS
FOR
US?

YEAH,
WHAT'S
THE
STORY?



LOTS?
!?

YEAH!
LOTS OF
THEM.
♡



MORE OLD
LADIES ?

I WAS HOPING
QUALITY, NOT
QUANTITY

Not
impressed



THE SCHOOL
SUDDENLY
SUSPENDED
OPERATIONS,
AND OUR
BOYS...

ANYWAY,
THE CRAM
SCHOOL OUR
CHILDREN WERE
ATTENDING IS THE
MOST PRESTIGIOUS
IN THE COUNTRY
ONLY THE BEST
AND BRIGHTEST
STUDENTS ARE
ADMITTED

BUT
THEN
--!

WELL, MY
KOICHI'S
SMARTER
THAN BOTH
YOUR
BOYS!

WAIT, MY
AKIRA-
CHAN DID
BETTER ON
THAT LAST
TEST THAN
YOURS!

NOW LISTEN
UP, RETRIEV-
ERS MY BOY
IS A VERY
GOOD BOY
HE ALWAYS
LISTENS TO
ME, HE'S AT
THE TOP OF
HIS CLASS

YES.

SHAPE!!

Before this package is
delivered, please
check the
request.

I MEAN,
THIS SOUNDS
LIKE A POLICE
MATTER TO
ME...

YOU
DIDN'T
CALL THE
COPS?

BUT AS I
SAID, MY SON IS
INTELLIGENT. HE
KNEW I'D CALL
THE POLICE, SO
HE CALLED THEM
FIRST AND...

WELL OF
COURSE
WE DID.

Two
hours
already?
When
will it
end?

RAN
AWAY
FROM
HOME?

...but don't sweat it. This is a family problem.

So my mom's probably gonna contact you...

I'D REALLY APPRECIATE THAT.

PLEASE DON'T GET INVOLVED.

WOW THAT'S AN ODD WAY TO RUN AWAY FROM HOME

AND WITH THAT, THE POLICE DON'T KNOW HOW TO REACT

THEY TOLD US IT WOULD HELP THE CHILDREN FURTHER DEVELOP THEIR MINDS..

YES IT'S A GAME THEY HAND OUT AT THE SCHOOL

IT MUST BE RELATED TO THAT CRAM SCHOOL!

YES...

DO YOU HAVE IT ON YOU?

GAME?

YES! AND THAT WEIRD GAME THEY PLAY!





CHECK
THIS
OUT.

Lord of Lightning

King

Evil Eye

AT 3
A-140
SPECIAL EYE
POSTER

A-140



LORD OF
LIGHT-
NING...?



KING OF
THE EVIL
EYE...?



WHAT'S
GONNA
COME UP
NEXT ?

HEH...

HEE
HEE

HEE
HEE
HEE

Character Profiles #8


Miroku Family (Natsuhiko, Yukihiko,
Kirara, Tokisada, Tsubaki, Ukyou, Hikage)

Age 19, Height 177 cm (5'9.5"),

Weight 72 kg (159 lbs)

(Data based on Natsuhiko)

Birthday is 6/24, Zodiac Leo



◀ A childhood friend of Ban from back in his Germany days. Think of the non-Natsuhiko siblings as being born separately. It's kind of complicated, but Natsuhiko was born in Germany around the same time as Ban and the two of them would often play with his sister, Eris. At that time inside Miroku there probably only existed Natsuhiko, Tokisada, Tsubaki and Hikage. The circumstances surrounding Eris' death are still very unclear, but it appears that Ban killed her, prompting Natsuhiko's hatred of him. Of the siblings we know little details beyond what their faces look like, but they are not different personalities: each person is distinct, and if one is killed the other six will still be alive. That's how his body works. It was difficult to express that in this battle. I created Natsuhiko as a type of priest-like character, but as the story advanced he went in a different direction. You'll have to wait until he shows up again before more about him is revealed. Character secrets: Well, as there are seven of them, it's rather complicated. This was the hardest character for me to draw.


Miss Hela, Age 27

Height 168 cm (5'6"), Weight 59 kg (130 lbs),

Measurements: bust 90 cm (35.5"),

waist 62 cm (24.5"), hips 89 cm (35")

Birthday is 11/29, Zodiac Scorpio



She's half French and met Kaito at college. Attracted by his talent, she soon became his lover and they lived together for two years. She never stopped loving him and was able to reunite with him eight years later thanks to the GetBackers. It's easy to feel sorry for her. What's in her future? She'll probably continue working in the art business. Character secrets: I tried to draw her as an adult woman and it didn't go so well, but Aoki-san seemed to like her. I worked on her character design for about three weeks, and I do think I created a strong-looking woman.


The Mysterious Little Girl, Age ?

Height 120 cm (3'11.5"), Weight 35 kg (77 lbs),

Measurements: bust 62 cm (24.5"),

waist 50 cm (19.5") hips 63 cm (25")

Birthday Unknown



Everything about her is shrouded in mystery, but she's apparently a member of the organization known as the Brain Trust which built Infinity Fortress. She looks like a grade schooler, but judging by her manner of speech, she may be much older. I believe she will enter the picture often in coming books, but that's also a secret!

Character secrets: Someone on the internet was calling her Alice chan, and that is a good description. She wasn't planned to be in this saga, but I begged and got to put her in. She didn't do much, but someday, someday. When?!

GET BACKERS

The GetBackers have been hired to retrieve a group of boys who vanished after the closing of their cram school.

And among the mysterious Divine Design cards the boys had were two that represented the GetBackers!

DIVINE
DESIGN?

WHAT
THE ...?

LORD OF
LIGHT-
NING?

KING OF
THE EVIL
EYE?

ANYWAY!
OUR COM-
PANY WILL
BE CHARGING
OUR STAND-
DARD FEE

NO
NOT
AT
ALL

IN
EXCHANGE
FOR THE
RETRIEVAL
OF THESE
THREE
LOST
BOYS.

YOU
KNOW
MY MA-
MORU?



THE GET-
BACKERS...

...ACCEPT
THE JOB!

GET BACKERS

Act VIII: Divine Design
Part 2: What's in the Cards?



HE SAID HE
WANTED US
TO RETRIEVE
HIS CARD
GAME, BUT...

I FIGURED
HE WAS
JUST ON
HIS WAY
HOME FROM
SCHOOL

WOW
WHO
WOULD'VE
GUESSED
THAT KID
WAS A
RUN-
AWAY?



IS THIS A
COINCIDENCE,
BAN-
CHAN?

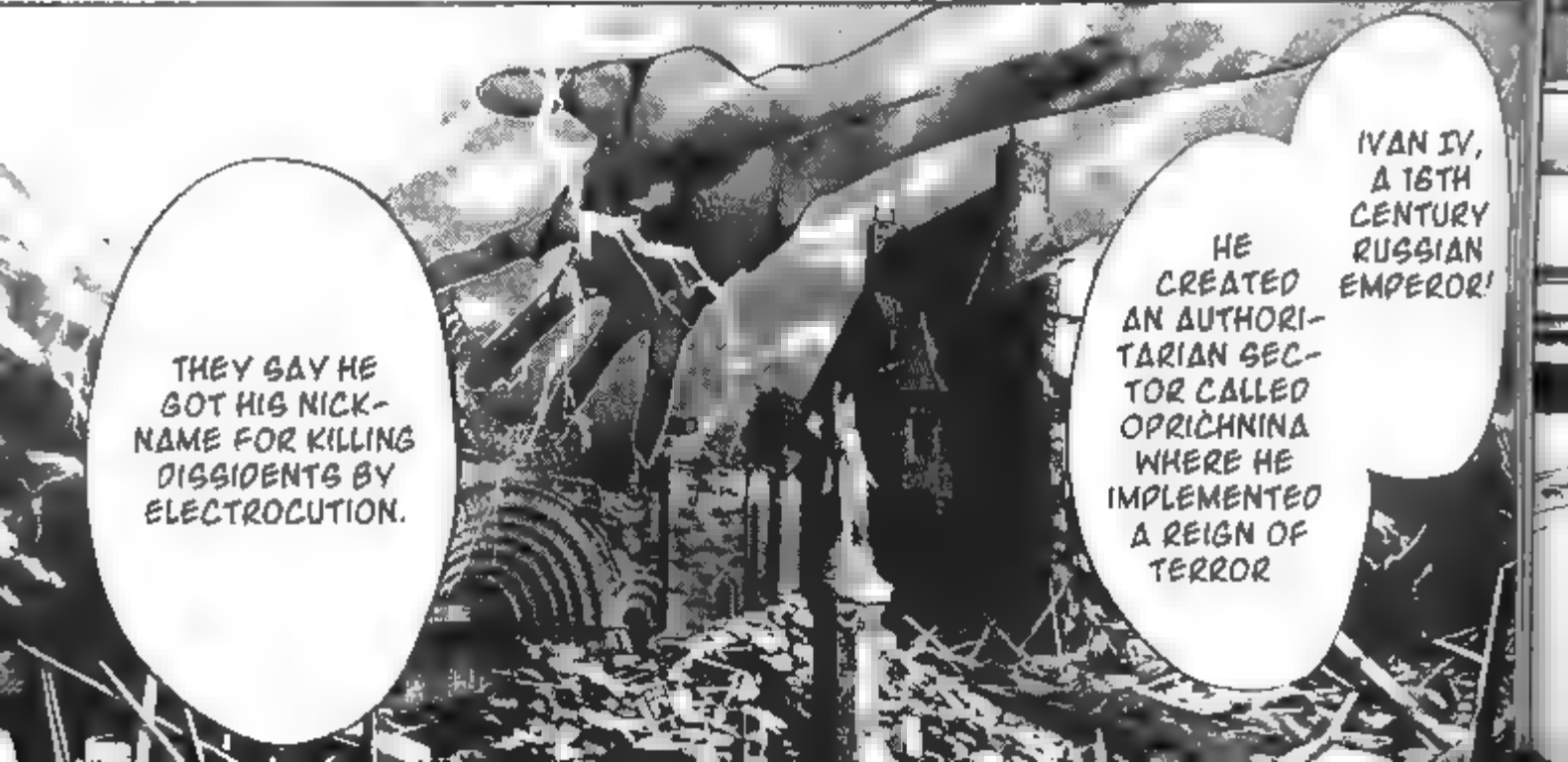
"LORD
OF LIGHT-
NING" AND
"KING OF
THE EVIL
EYE" ?



EVEN
TERRIBLE?

LIKE THE
RUSSIAN
EMPIRE'S
IVAN THE
TERRIBLE

THERE'VE
BEEN OTHER
GUYS CALLED
"LIGHT-
NING LORD"
THROUGHOUT
HISTORY,
YOU KNOW.



THEY SAY HE
GOT HIS NICK-
NAME FOR KILLING
DISSIDENTS BY
ELECTROCUTION.

HE
CREATED
AN AUTHORI-
TARIAN SEC-
TOR CALLED
OPRICHNINA
WHERE HE
IMPLEMENTED
A REIGN OF
TERROR

IVAN IV,
A 16TH
CENTURY
RUSSIAN
EMPEROR!



LIVE
CARE-
FULLY
BAN...



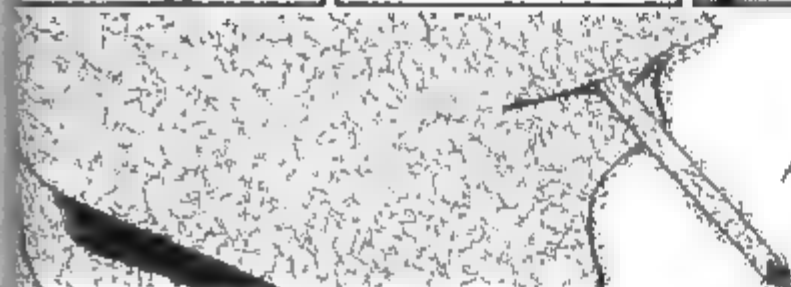
ALMOST
THE ENTIRE
EVIL EYE
BLOODLINE
WAS WIPE
D OUT IN THE
WITCHES
HUNTS.

BUT AS
LONG AS THE
KING'S BLOOD
SURVIVES, THE
KINGDOM
LIVES ON.

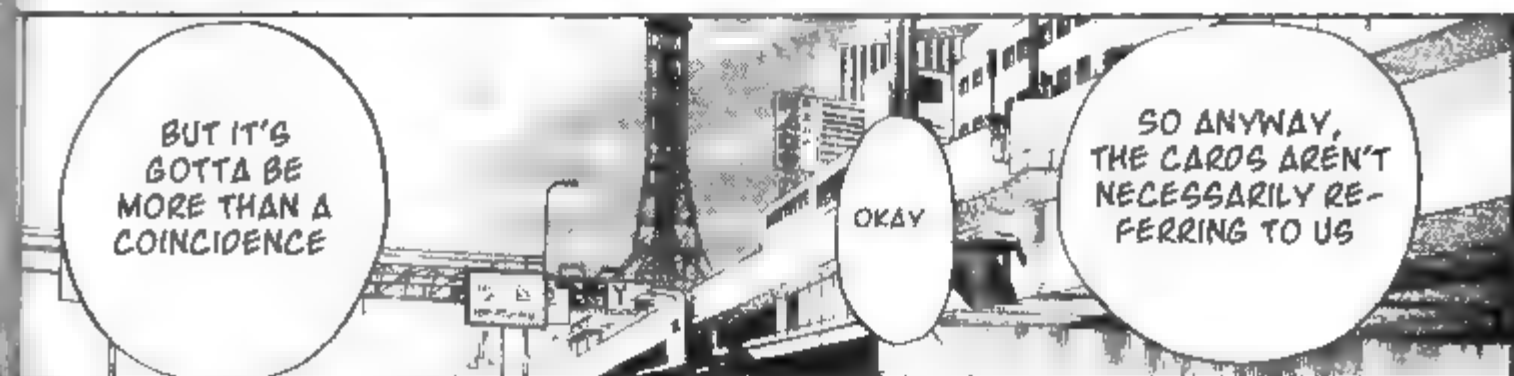


I HEARD
IT WAS A
PRETTY MAJOR
THING BACK
IN MEDIEVAL
EUROPE.

AND
IT'S
NOT
LIKE
I IN-
VENT-
ED
THE
EVIL
EYE



Heh.



BUT IT'S
GOTTA BE
MORE THAN A
COINCIDENCE

OKAY

SO ANYWAY,
THE CARDS AREN'T
NECESSARILY RE-
FERRING TO US



AND THEY
TURNED OUT
TO BE LORD
OF LIGHT-
NING AND
KING OF THE
EVIL EYE

WHEN THE
CLIENT
HANDED
ME THOSE
CARDS, I
JUST PULLED
TWO OUT
RANDOMLY.



HUH?



WELL, IT'S NOT IMPOSSIBLE ODDS, BUT ..DOESN'T IT REMIND YOU OF SOMETHING?



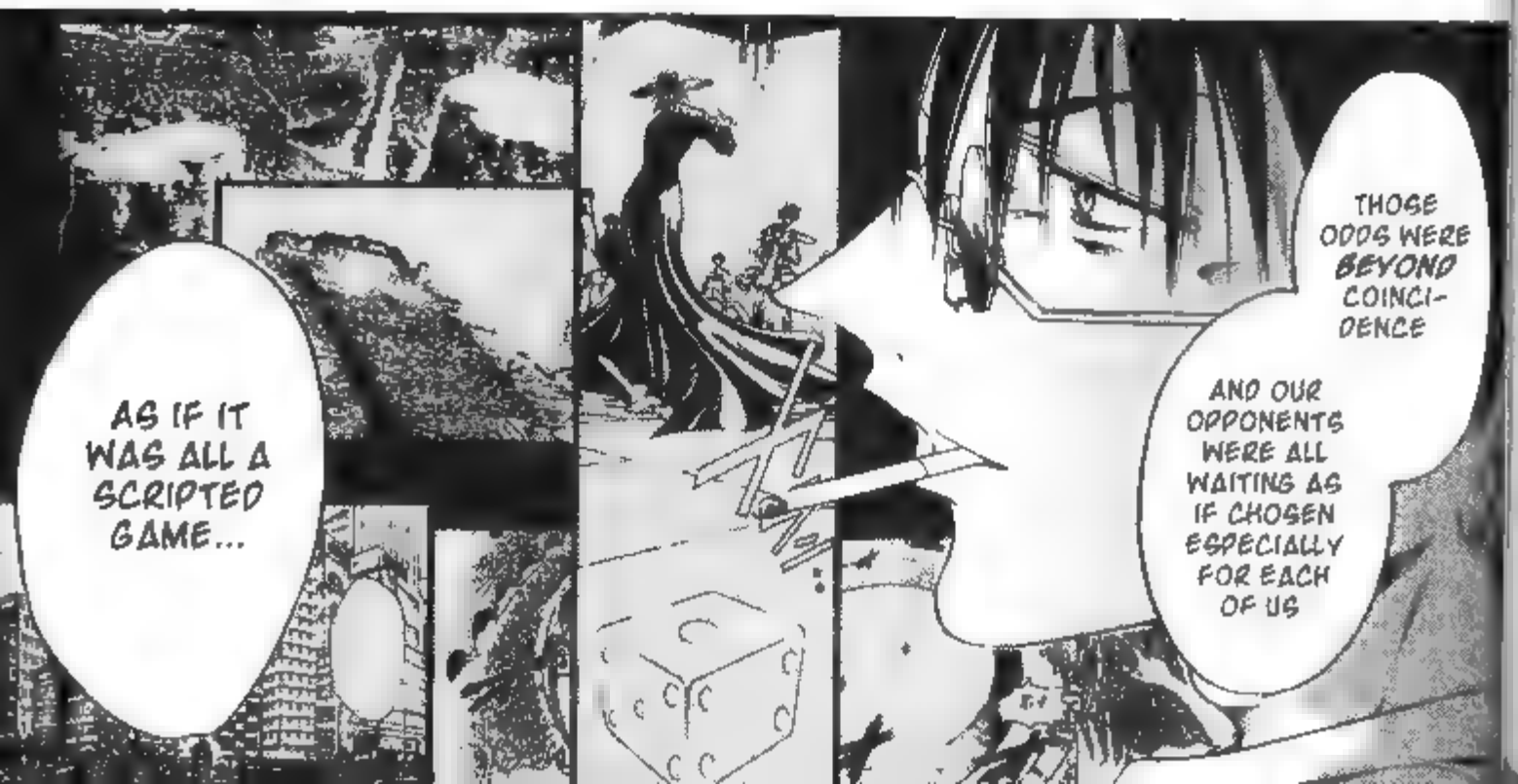
PULLING BOTH BACK TO BACK IS 780 TO ONE AGAINST



THE ODDS OF PULLING EITHER OF THOSE TWO CARDS FROM A DECK OF 40 IS 40 TO ONE AGAINST




OF WHAT?



AND OUR OPPONENTS WERE ALL WAITING AS IF CHOSEN ESPECIALLY FOR EACH OF US

AS IF IT WAS ALL A SCRIPTED GAME...



WE WERE
FORCED TO
ADVANCE
ACCORD-
ING TO THE
ANSWERS
MAKUBEX
HAD CALCU-
LATED

THE NUMBER
THAT WOULD
COME UP HAD
ALREADY
BEEN
CHOSEN.

SIMPLY PUT,
THAT DIE WAS
AN ILLUSION
CREATED BY THE
MYSTERIOUS
ELECTROMAG-
NETIC RADIATION
THAT INFINITY
FORTRESS
EMITS--IT WAS
AN ARTIFICIAL
REALITY




GET
IT?



NOT A
CLUE!




Y-YOU
THINK?



THERE MAY
BE MORE
TO IT THAN
THAT.

BUT
THIS ISN'T
INFINITY
FORTRESS,
AND THOSE
CARDS
ARE JUST
PIECES OF
PAPER.



WHAT
COMES TO
MIND WHEN
YOU THINK
OF CARDS?

BUT I GUESS
THERE'S LOTS
OF DIFFER-
ENT KINDS OF
CARDS I'VE
EVEN HEARD OF
SOME NEW IN-
VENTION CALLED
A "CREDIT
CARD"


UM
"TRUMP"?



WHAT DO
THOSE
HAVE IN
COMMON?

THEY'RE FOUND ALL
OVER THE WORLD,
WITH NO TRACE-
ABLE ORIGIN THEIR
TRADITIONAL USES
HAVE BEEN IN
GAMES AND THE
RELATED FORTUNE-
TELLING

CARDS HAVE
A HISTORY
ABOUT AS OLD
AS HUMAN
CULTURE
ITSELF



I GUESS
THAT'S ALL
AN IDIOT
LIKE YOU
COULD
THINK OF

THERE ARE
THOSE WHO
MAKE A FOR-
TUNE GAMBLING,
AND THERE'RE
THOSE WHO
LOSE EVERY-
THING


EVEN
TODAY, CARD
GAMES CAN
DETERMINE
PEOPLE'S
LIFE AND
DEATH, suc-
CESS AND
FAILURE



GAMES DEVELOPED
AS A REPLACEMENT
FOR WAR--THEY
WERE A WAY TO
CHANGE A BATTLE
TO THE DEATH
INTO A SIMPLE AND
BLOODLESS EVENT

...FORTUNE-
TELLING HAS
AFFECTED
THE ADMIN-
ISTRATION
AND EVEN
SURVIVAL OF
NATIONS

ON A
LARGER
SCALE .



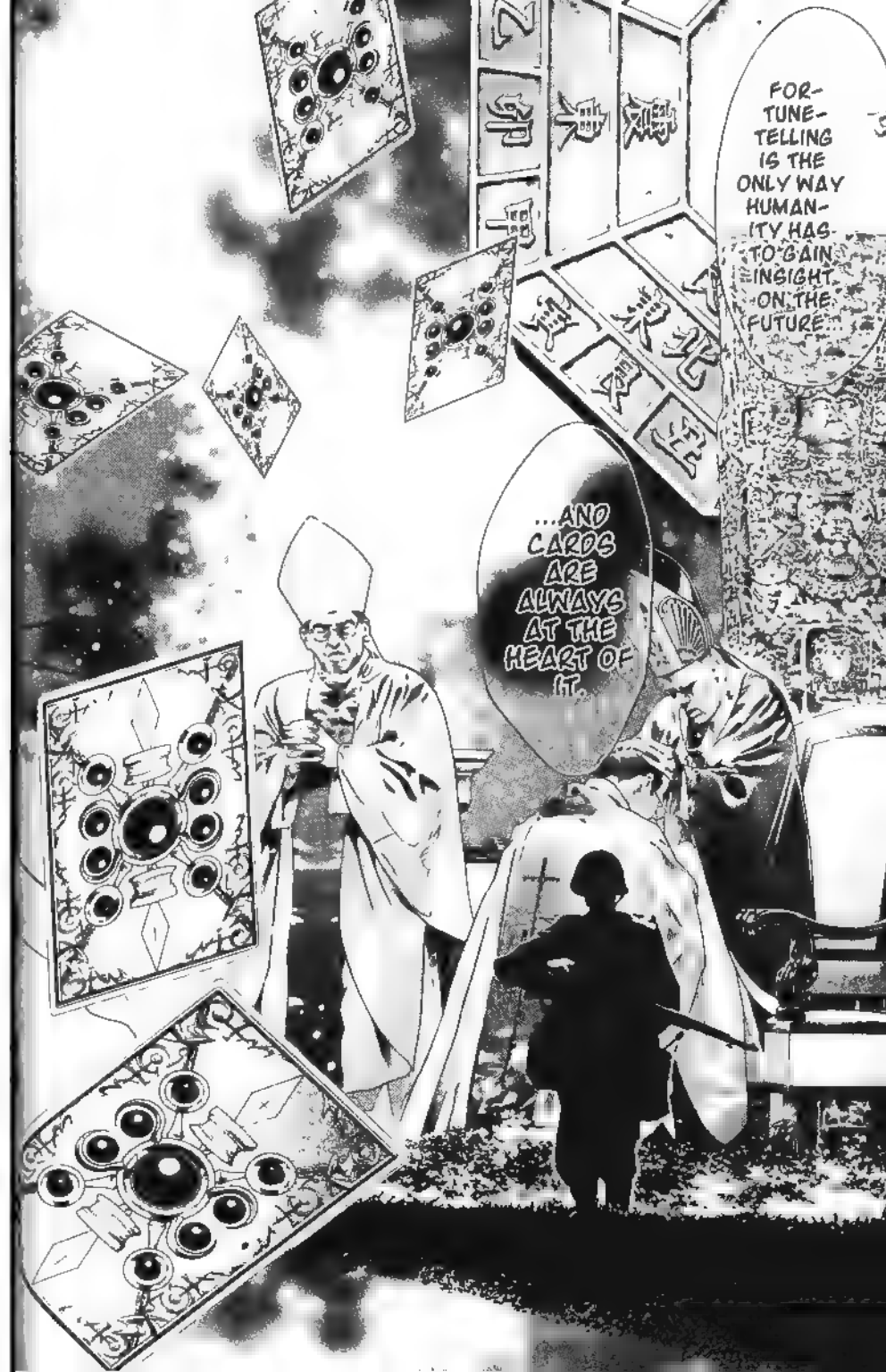
IT'S NOT RARE
FOR PEOPLE TO
GET MARRIED OR
DIVORCED BASED
ON A READING
SOME PEOPLE
RELY ON THEM
FOR ANY BIG
DECISION

SIMILARLY,
FORTUNE-
TELLING
HAS SINCE
ANCIENT
TIMES HAD
THE POWER
TO MOVE
PEOPLE'S
DESTINIES.



MEANING
THAT CARDS
CONTROL
PEOPLE'S
DESTINY.

THEY
HAVE A
MAGIC
WITHIN
THEM...



FOR-
TUNE-
TELLING
IS THE
ONLY WAY
HUMAN-
ITY HAS
TO GAIN
INSIGHT
ON THE
FUTURE...

...AND
CARDS
ARE
ALWAYS
AT THE
HEART OF
IT.

...BUT I
DON'T BUY
ANY OF
THAT SHIT!

AT LEAST,
THAT'S
THE CRAP
MY FUCKING
GRANDMA
WOULD TALK
ABOUT...



ONLY A
MORON
WOULD
BELIEVE
ANY OF IT.

ANYWAY,
THERE'S
LOTS OF
STORIES
LIKE THAT.



YOU'RE
RIGHT

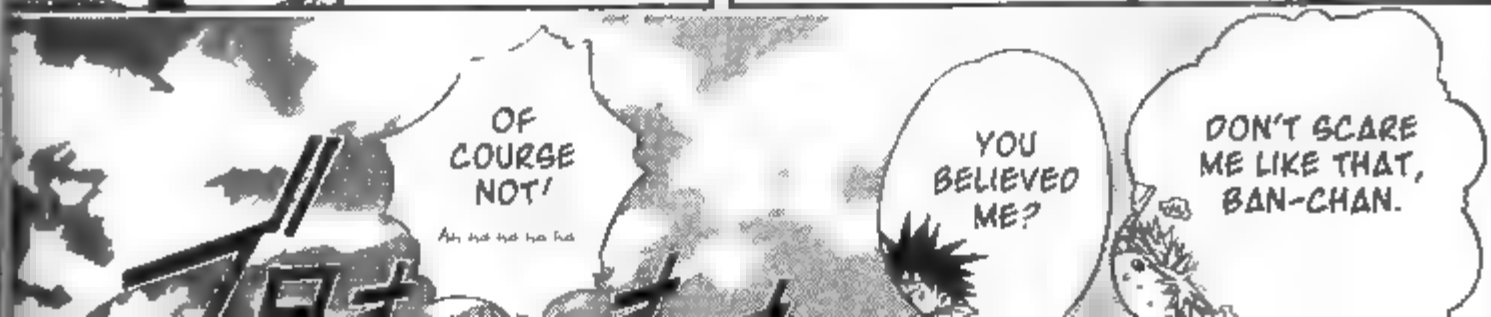
I MEAN,
WHAT THE
HELL DOES
A CARD
KNOW?

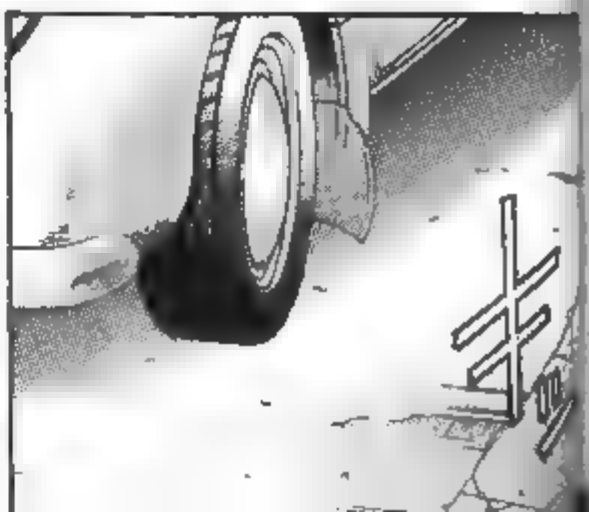


OF
COURSE
NOT!

YOU
BELIEVED
ME?

DON'T SCARE
ME LIKE THAT,
BAN-CHAN.







SO THIS IS
THE CRAM
SCHOOL THOSE
BRATS WERE
ATTENDING?

IT'S
CALLED
THE
CUPID
TOWER

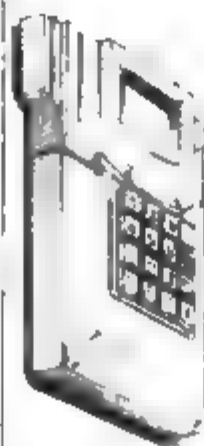
THE SCHOOL
HAS ASSEMBLED
THE BRIGHTEST
STUDENTS IN THE
COUNTRY, AND IT'S
FAMOUS FOR THE
HARPET-PLAYING
CUPID VISIBLE ON
CAMPUS

IT SAYS
THE NAME
REFERS TO
CUPID TOWER
CHERUBIM,
OR ANGELS
OF WISDOM

LET'S
SEE



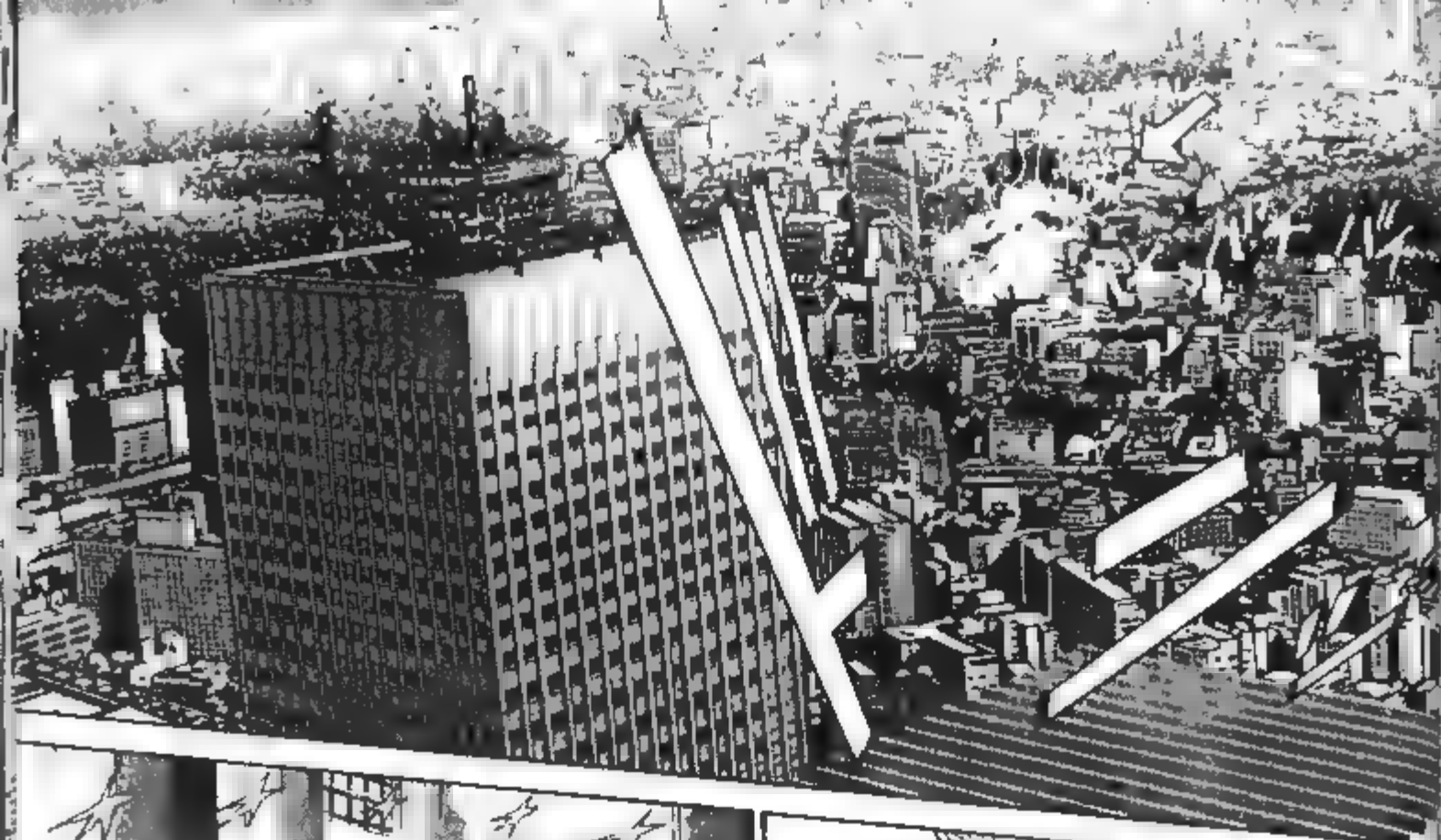
AN ELEC-
TRONIC
LOCK ?
CAN YOU
OPEN
IT?



WELL,
LET'S
TAKE
A LOOK
AROUND

THIS IS
OUR ONLY
CLUE SO
FAR

(Can't read
this word)



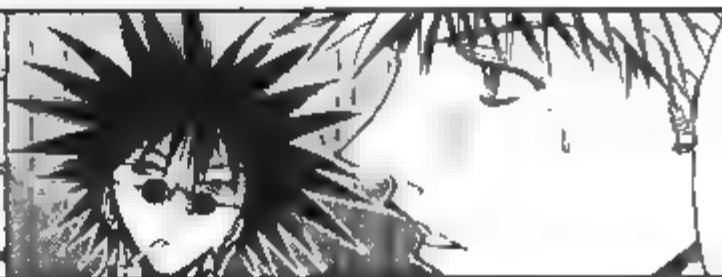
SORRY,
I'VE BEEN
A BIT OFF
RECENTLY



A LITTLE
TOO MUCH
JUICE



WITH THE WAY
IT'S CLEARED OUT,
SEEMS LIKE THEY
DIDN'T JUST SNEAK
OUT IN THE MIDDLE
OF THE NIGHT



THERE'S
NOTHING
HERE.

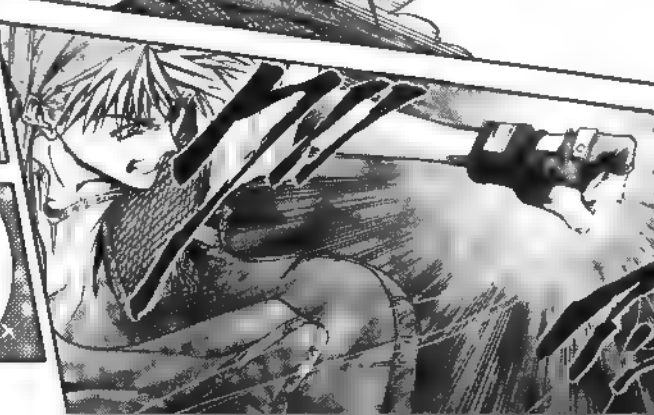
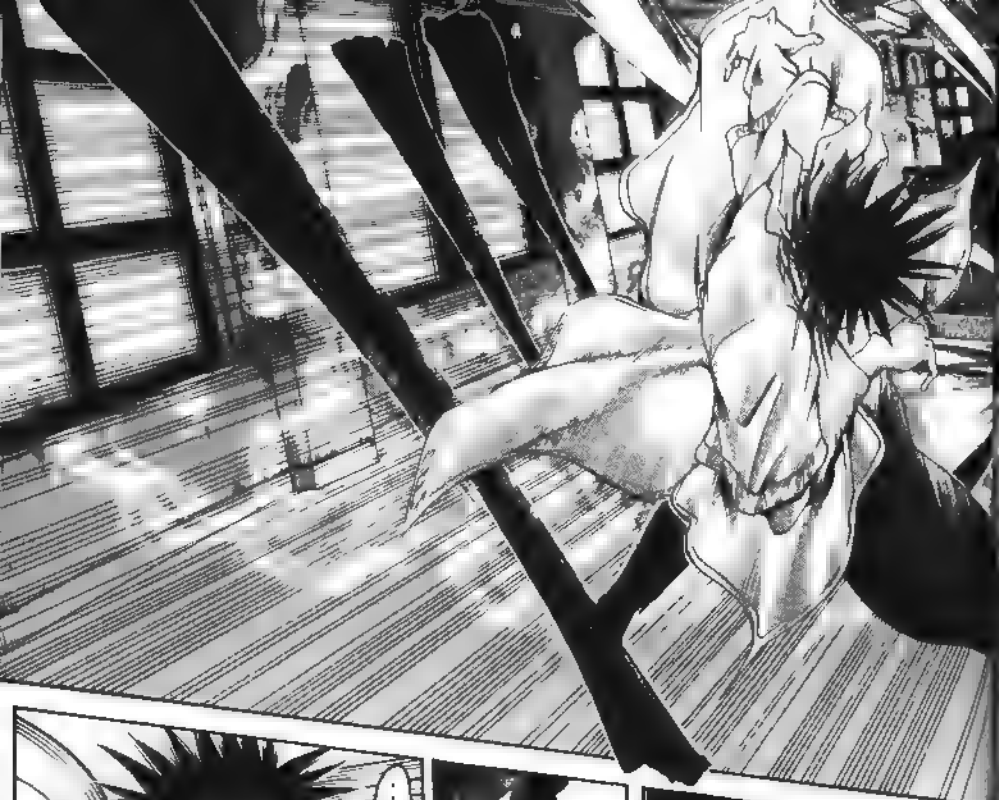


THERE'S
TWO OF
THEM.

YEAH



BAN-
CHAN..





HIMIKO!
KAZUKI
OF THE
STRINGS!

BAN?



WE'RE
ON A
RETRIEVAL
MISSION, OF
COURSE!
RIGHT,
GINJI?

WHAT ARE
YOU TWO
DOING
HERE,
ANYWAY?



WE'RE
OBVIOUSLY
HERE ON A JOB,
DUMBASS!

Why the hell else
would I be here with
that guy, girl?

HEY JUST
BECAUSE YOU
TWO CAN'T
AFFORD A ROOM
DOESN'T MEAN
YOU SHOULD
JUST GET IT
ON IN ANY OLD
ABANDONED
BUILDING

This boy got on
the male staff here
gotta stop



OH! KAZU-
CHAN! AND
HIMIKO-
CHAN!

This is getting
fun



Not again

BOOGA
BOOGA?





HEH,
GOOD
ONE.

LOOKS LIKE
THINGS ARE
ABOUT TO GET
INTERESTING

Hired to retrieve some runaway boys, the GetBackers sneak into the kids cram school and run into Kazuki and Himiko.

And the mysterious Divine Design cards seem to be foretelling their actions.

GETBACKERS

Act VIII: Divine Design Part 3 A New Deal Begins

It's as if their fate is being controlled
by the cards themselves



AND THEN
THESE TWO
ARE THE
ONES BAN-
CHAN GOT
FROM MY
POCKET

WE JUST
PICKED
TWO RANDOM
CARDS, AND
THEY WERE
LORD OF
LIGHTNING
AND KING
OF THE EVIL
EYE

IT'S NOT
IMPOS-
SIBLE
ODDS,
BUT

WITCH OF
PERFUME
AND
MASTER OF
STRING ?

DIVINE
DESIGN?

THIS
MIGHT BE
STARTING
TO GET
INTEREST-
ING

THE
"WITCH OF
PERFUME"
AND THE
"MASTER OF
STRINGS,"
EH?

OH, IT'S
THESE
CARDS THE
CLIENT
GAVE US.

Take a
look!

WHAT'S
GOING
ON,
GINJI-
SAN?

HEY SO
IF THESE
REFER TO
HIMIKO-
CHAN AND
KAZU-CHAN,
THEN





SAME WITH STRONG JUTSU

EVEN IN THE FUUCHOUIN STYLE ALONE, THERE ARE 27 TYPES FROM EAST TO WEST



I'M NOT THE ONLY ONE WHO USES PERFUMES TO HEX OR HEAL.

Aroma therapy is a big deal these days

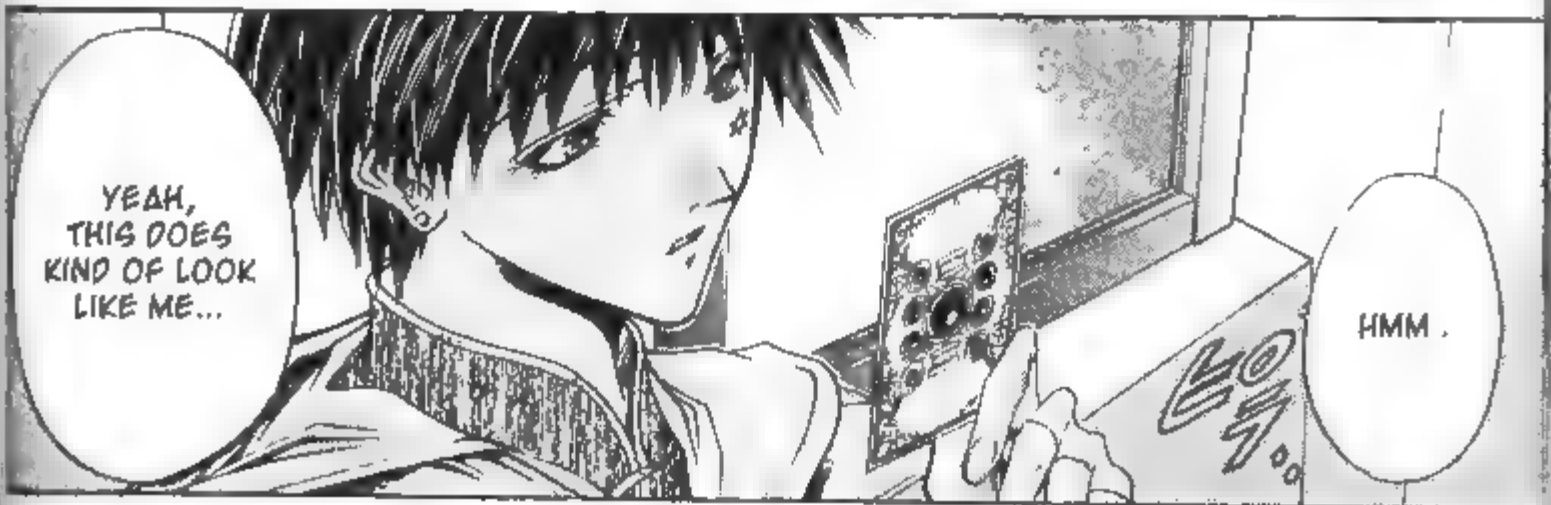


SO, IT'S JUST A COINCIDENCE?



CAN I SEE THAT CARD FOR A SECOND?

BUT THIS IS DEFINITELY WEIRD



YEAH, THIS DOES KIND OF LOOK LIKE ME...

HMM.





WHAT'RE
YOU
DOING
?



PFT! THESE
ARE JUST
A BUNCH
OF CRAPPY
COINCIDENCES!



WE
CAN'T
DESTROY
THESE!



BAN,
DON'T!



FOR
SOME
REA-
SON...

HUFF

I JUST
HAVE A
FEEL-
ING..



I DON'T
SMELL
ANY-
THING



THIS
ISN'T
JUST
PAPER

HEY, HI-
MIKO, YOU
BELIEVE
THESE
STUPID
PIECES
OF
PAPER?



SMELL
YOUR
CARD.

WHAT?



MANDRAGORA.



FROM
MY CARD,
I DETECT
THE SCENT
OF BELLA-
DONNA



THAT'S
NOT
ALL



MANDRAGORA IS
A FLOWER SAID TO
BLOOM UNDER THE
GUILLOTINE

WHAT'S
THAT?



IT'S
ALSO USED
IN BLACK
MAGIC AND
IS A COM-
PONENT OF
CHARMS AND
TALISMANS


ALSO KNOWN
AS MANDRAKE,
IT IS DEADLY
POISONOUS TO
THE TOUCH BUT IT
CAN BE USED AS
AN ANESTHETIC
AND AS A TRAN-
QUILIZER



PLUS,
THE ART
ON THIS
CARD...

IN ITALIAN,
THIS FLOWER'S
NAME MEANS
"BEAUTIFUL
WOMAN," AND
IT'S SAID TO
BE A MAGICAL
PLANT THAT
RELEASES
THE EVIL IN
WOMEN

IT SEEMS
FAMILIAR
SOME-
HOW.




HOW
STRANGE...
IT MUST
BE A MERE
PIECE OF
PAPER...



...YET AS
I STARE
AT IT LIKE
THIS...



IT'S
AS
IF...



...IT'S A
PART OF
MY BODY.

JEEZ,
YOU
GUYS
ARE
CRAZY.

IT'S JUST
PAPER!
JUST A
DRAWING!
JUST THE
SMELL OF A
PLANT!

BAN!

AND?

HEY! WHEN
IT COMES
TO MAGIC,
I'M VERY
KNOWL-
EDGEABLE,
AND

WHAT
DO YOU
THINK?
THESE
CARDS
CAN
CURSE
US TO
DEATH?

THIS IS
RIDICULOUS.

YEAH
IT DOES
FEEL
LIKE
THAT

FOR EXAMPLE,
IT'S SAID THAT
GREEN CAN EASE
STRESS BLACK
IS KNOWN AS
THE COLOR OF
THE KIDNEY, AND
IF YOU PLACE A
BLACK PIECE OF
PAPER OVER THE
KIDNEY, IT HAS A
HEALING EFFECT.

THE EASTERN
PHILOSOPHY I
STUDIED SPOKE
MUCH ABOUT
THE INFLUENCE
COLOR AND
ART CAN HAVE
OVER PEOPLE'S
MINDS.

WHA?!

I THINK
IT WOULD
BE WISE
TO HEED
HIMIKO-
SAN'S
WARNING,
MIDO-KUN.

THE THOUGHT IS THAT YOUR
GI ENTERS THE BODY WITH
A CLOCKWISE SPIRAL AND
LEAVES WITH A COUNTER-
CLOCKWISE SPIRAL SO THE
MANJI IS A SYMBOL THAT
KEEPS THE GI FLOWING,
PREVENTING STAGNATION.

ANOTHER
EXAMPLE USING
SYMBOLS--THE
NAZI'S SWASTIKA
IS VERY SIMILAR
TO THE BUDDHIST
MANJI (*), BUT
IN THE OPPOSITE
DIRECTION

WOW

*gi = life energy a.k.a. chi or ki

AND THUS THE
COUNTRY'S
FANATICAL
PASSION KEPT
GROWING AND
GROWING UNTIL
IT BURST
AND WAS
DESTROYED



BUT THE
NAZI
SWASTIKA
DISRUPTS
THE FLOW
OF GI..

SO
THE GI IN
THE BODY
CANNOT BE
RELEASED
NATURALLY



BUT I
AIN'T
BUYING
IT!

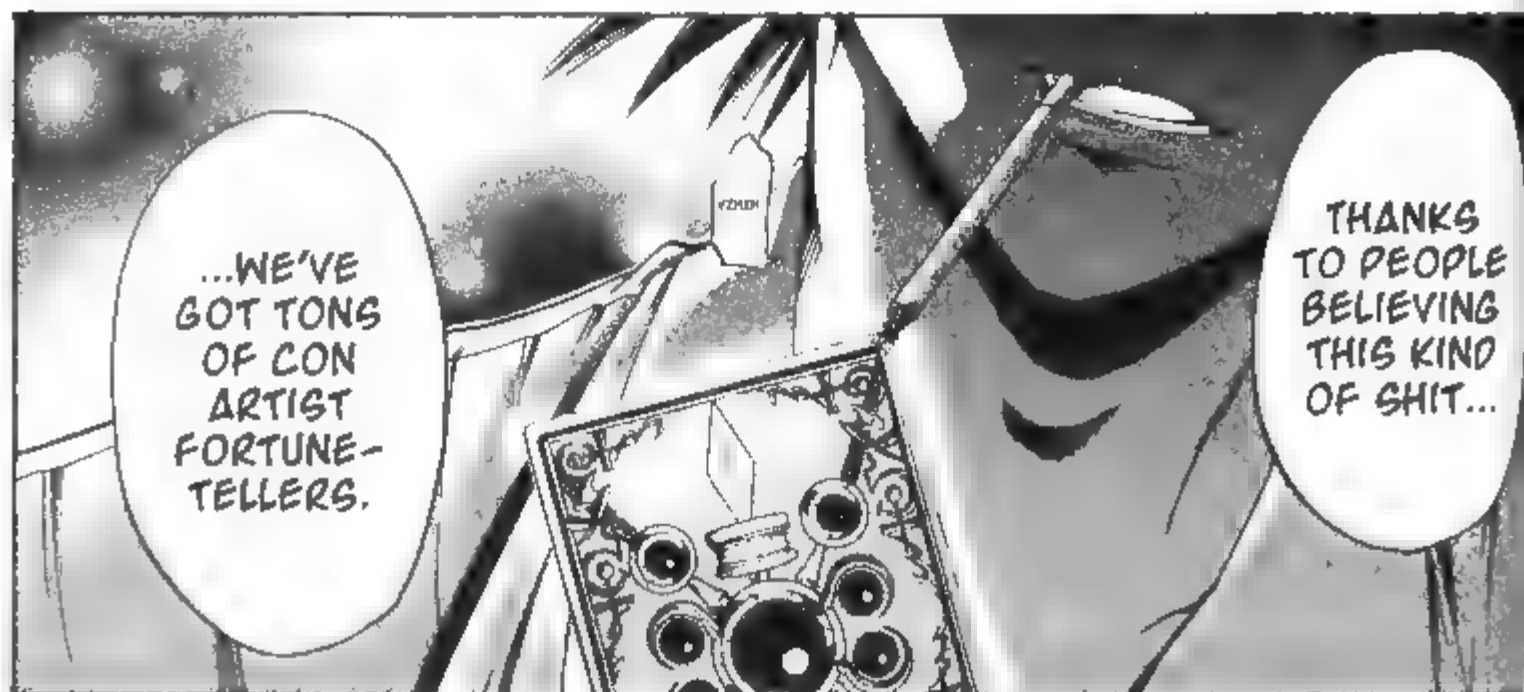


THANKS
FOR THE
HISTORY
LESSON,
PROFES-
SOR
KAZUKI!

BAN-
CHAN...



SEIG
HELL!



...WE'VE
GOT TONS
OF CON
ARTIST
FORTUNE-
TELLERS.

THANKS
TO PEOPLE
BELIEVING
THIS KIND
OF SHIT...



HEY,
BAN!!
NO,
DON'T!!



STOP!



HEVN-
SAN!



HELLO!

Breat
big
boobs
is
here

HOORAY!
IT'S
HEVN-
SAN!
♥



I WAS
HIRED
TO LOOK
INTO THE
RUNAWAY
BOYS, SO I
CAME HERE
TO GATHER
INFO!

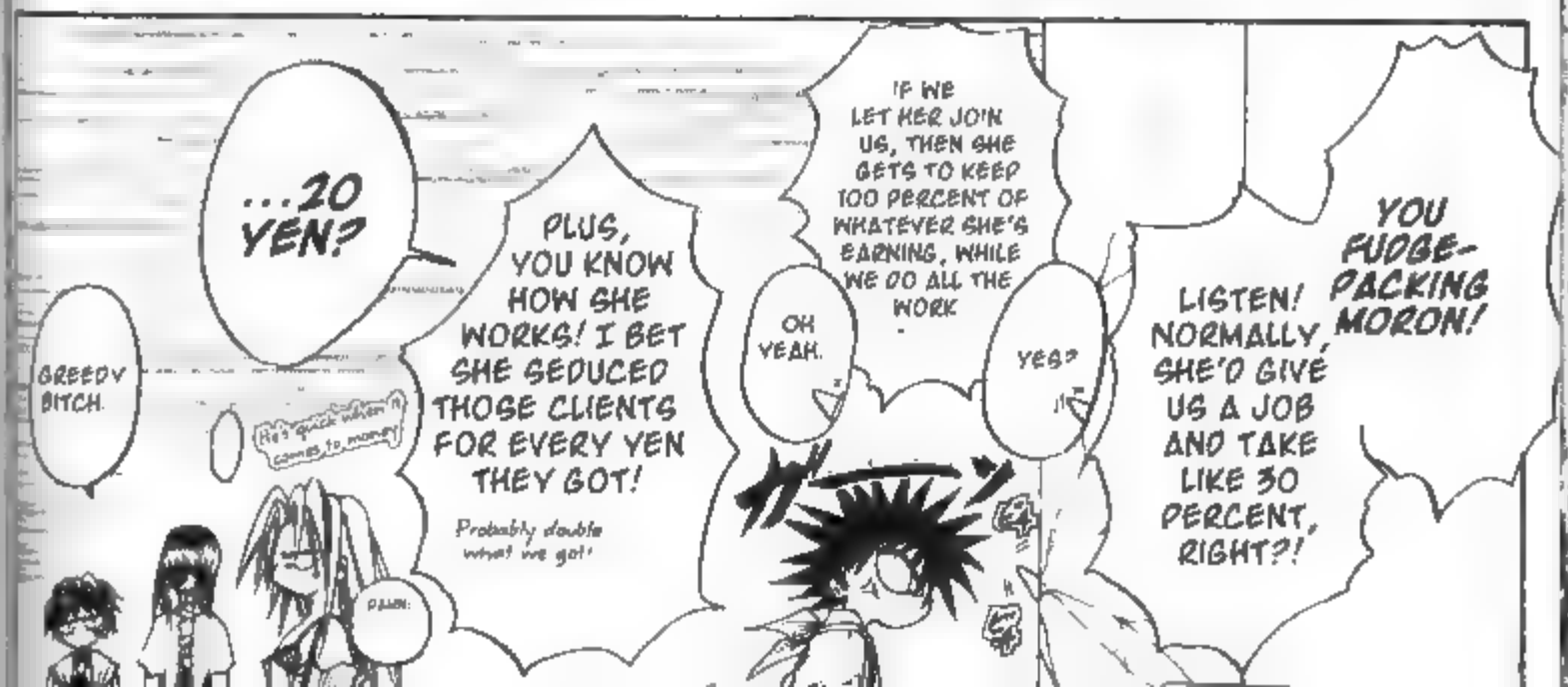
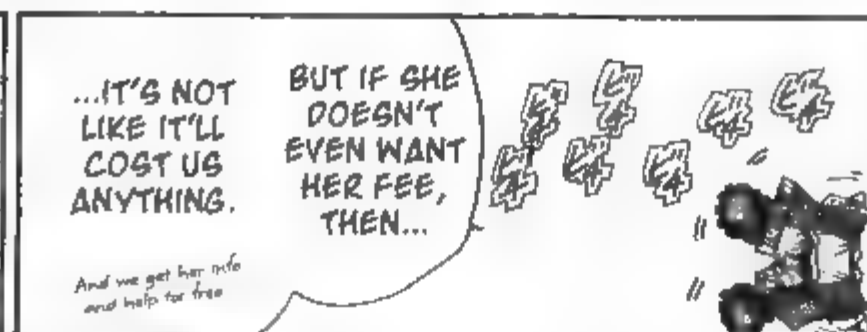
SO, WHY
THE HELL
ARE YOU
HERE?

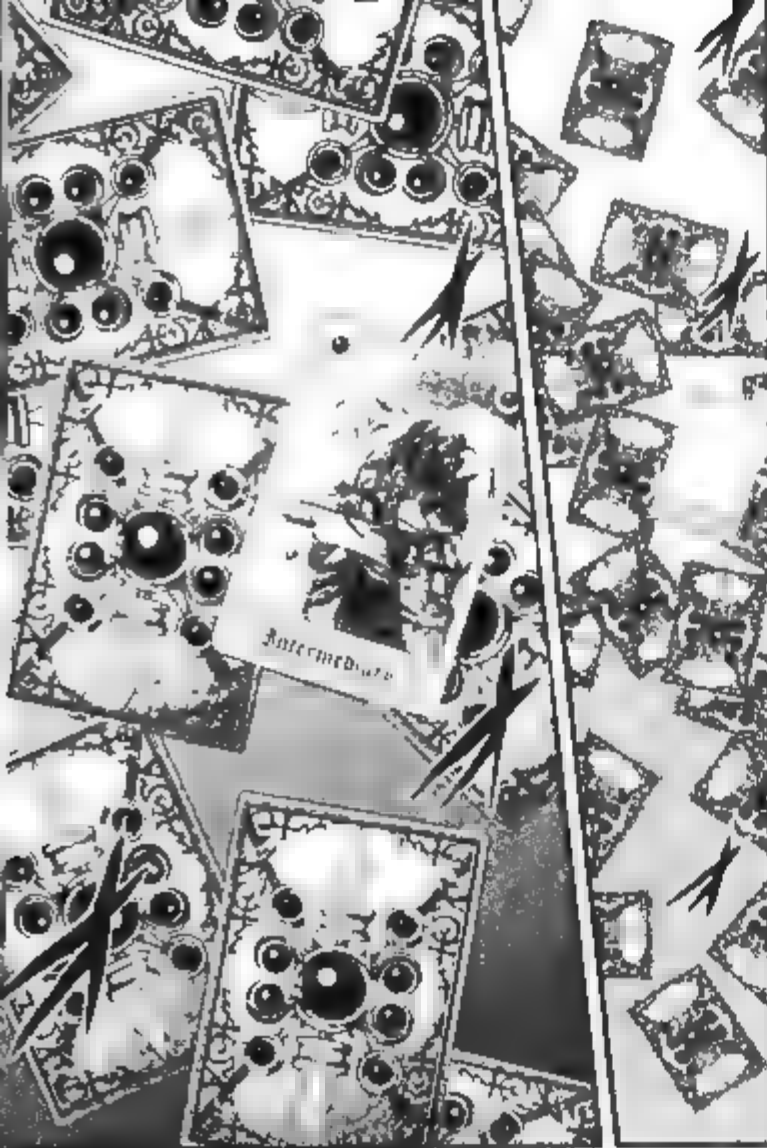


BURN
THAT
CARD...

...AND
YOU MAY
FIND
YOURSELF
FOLLOW-
ING SUIT.







CHECK IT OUT



OKAY, FINE!

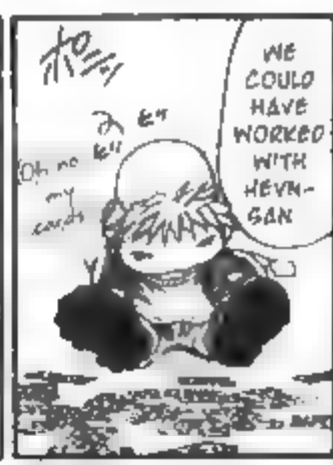
Is money all you care about?

HAVE MERCY

ANYWAY, WE AIN'T TEAMING UP WITH YOU!

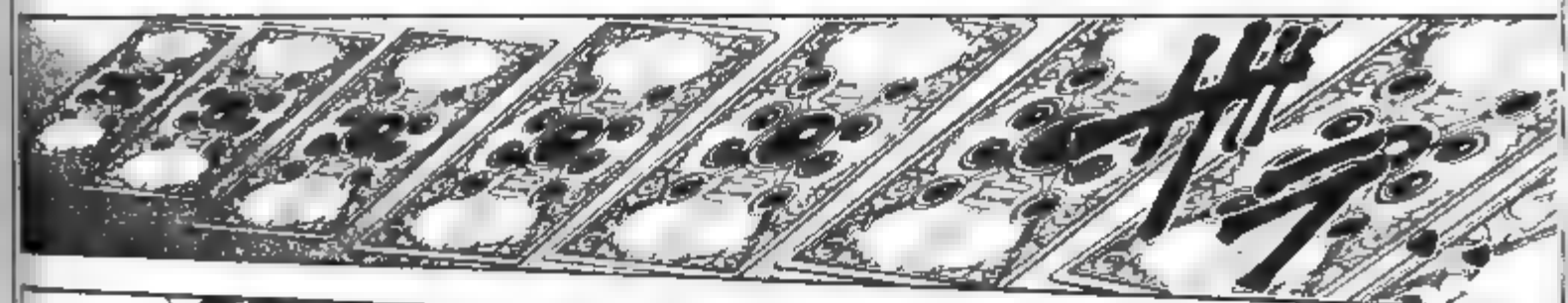


HEY, BAN-CHAN



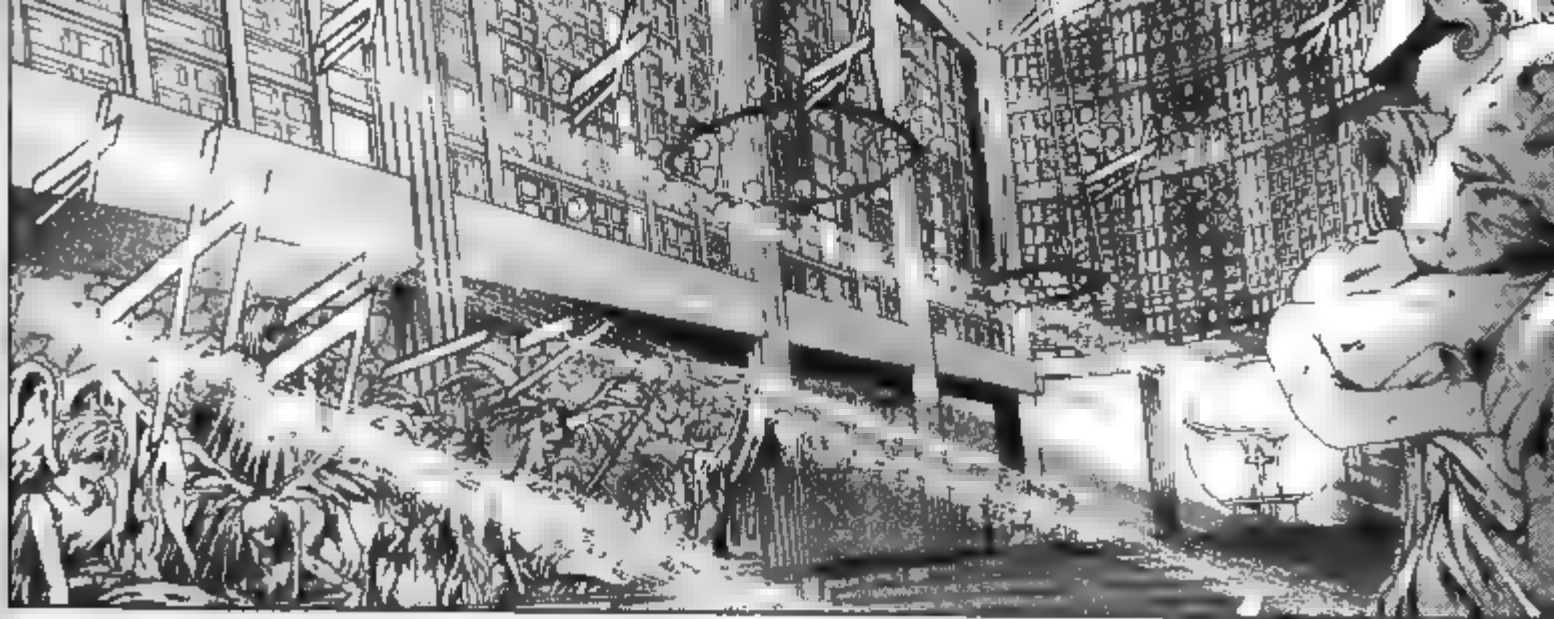
WE COULD HAVE WORKED WITH HEVY-GAN







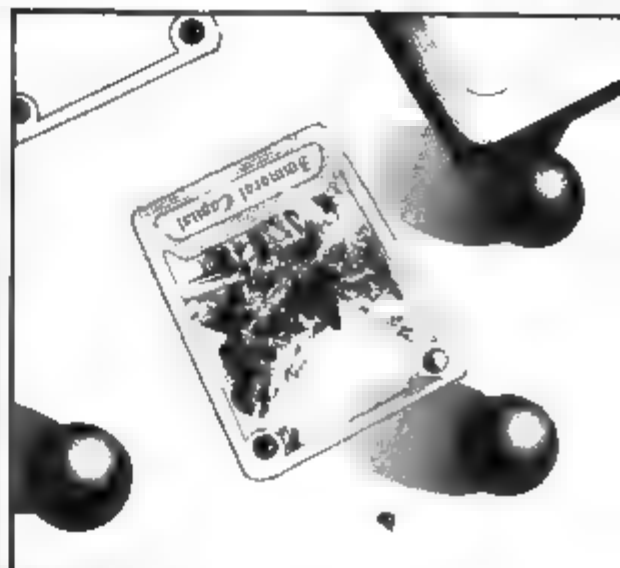




LOOKS LIKE
YOUR FRIENDS
WERE THERE
TOO, BUT
DON'T WORRY,
GABRIEL.

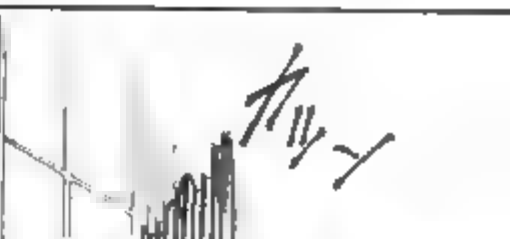


HEH



MEANING .
DON'T STICK
YOUR NECK
IN ANY
DEEPER

YES, THIS
CARD WAS A
WARNING .



HOWEVER...

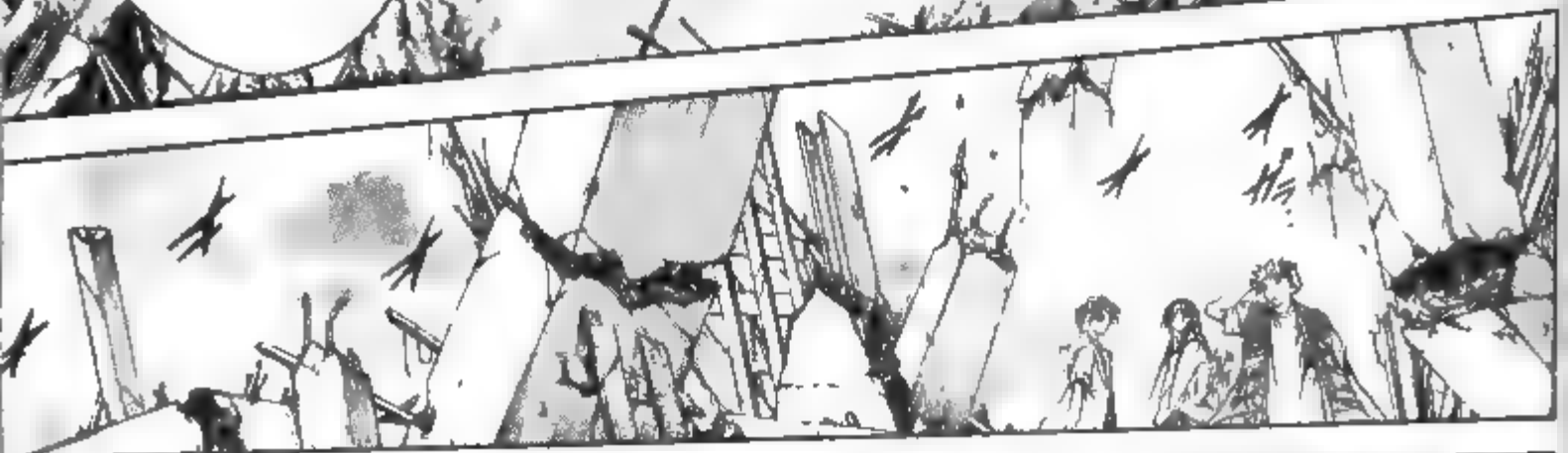


I KNOW
THAT...

...SARIEL.



NEXT
TIME, WE
WON'T
BE SO
KIND...



HEY,
DON'T
WUSS
OUT
THIS
HAD
TO BE A
SETUP

THIS IS
GOING TO
BE ONE
DANGER-
OUS JOB.



SO THIS
IS THE
PROPHECY
OF THE
DIVINE
DESIGN?



OUCH!

W-
WE'RE
OKAY.



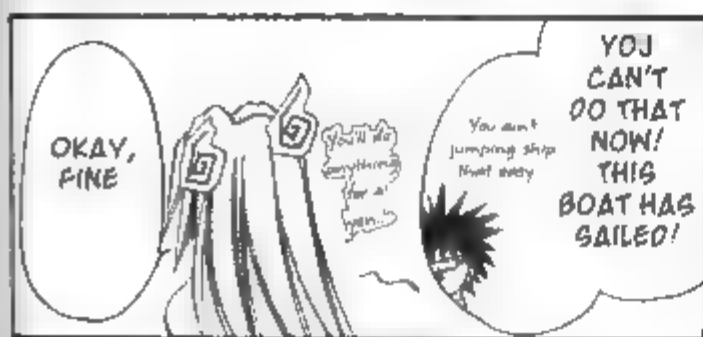
THIS
REPRESENTS
DESTRUC-
TION

THE
CITIES
DESTROYED
BY GOD,
SODOM AND
GOMOR-
RAH



THINGS
LOOK LIKE
THEY
COULD
GET A BIT
TROUBLE-
SOME.

BUT
YEAH...



OKAY,
FINE

You'll do
anything
for a
man

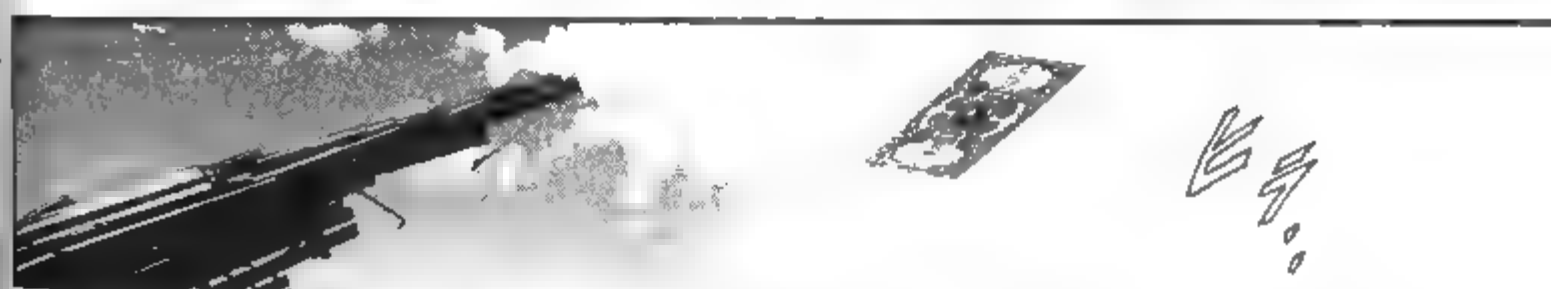
You don't
jump ship
that easy

YOU
CAN'T
DO THAT
NOW!
THIS
BOAT HAS
SAILED!



ACTUALLY,
I WAS
THINKING
OF BAILING
ON THIS
JOB.

SO WHY
DON'T
WE
TEAM
UP,
HEVN?



HEH

...IF THIS
FATE
AWAITS
THOSE WHO
DO NOT
HEED THE
WARNING.

WELL...
WE'D
BETTER BE
PREPARED,
THOUGH..



HOW
KIND OF
THE
ENEMY
...

...TO TELL
US IN
ADVANCE.

To be continued in Volume 15

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The "Thank you for always
buying the books" section

I finish book 13 and immediately
start on book 14... Weekly serialization
is tough... New characters are being
introduced and the GetBackers world
is expanding even more. I was com-
plaining a lot while doing book 13, but
I'd like to thank all the fans who
sent me letters and cheered me up.
Thank you!

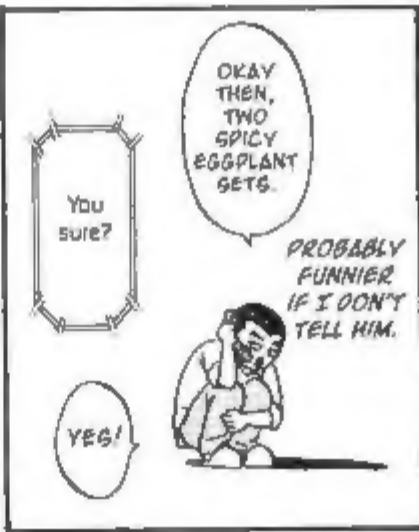
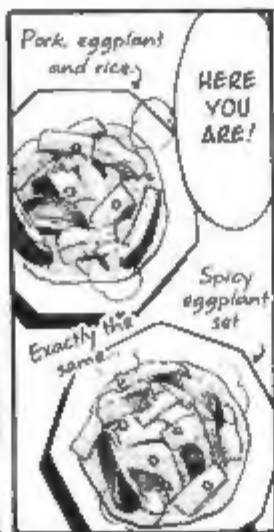
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Sorry for always
disappointing all you loyal fans
I'm trying my best.

Thanks to the guy
who sent me a calendar!
It's really useful!

I'm sure more problems will
surface in this new saga, but we'll keep
working hard. Thanks to all my
staff, the editors, the designers and
the people at Konami.



AH HA HA HA HA...SEE YOU NEXT BOOK!



Assistant Tales

by 03

WE WENT INTO A RESTAURANT TO CATCH UP, BUT...



THE OTHER DAY I WAS WAITING FOR A FRIEND AT THE STATION.

Not enough space

OF COURSE, RYO-CHAN WAS REALLY LATE.

You're late!

*Ryo-chan's a friend from art school.

Really short skirts

When...



IT WAS A COSPLAY RESTAURANT!

Waitresses like this.

You listening?

END

WE TALKED FOR ABOUT THREE HOURS, BUT I WAS DISTRACTED AND DON'T REMEMBER ANYTHING.

AKIHORI OKADA

ANOTHER DIMENSION



Ayamine-land's
Hotties

I SPENT ALL DAY DRAWING MANGA!! AND I BET TO DO IT TOMORROW, TOO!!



PERFECT! AN HOUR FOR MAKE-UP, AND NOW I'M READY FOR ASSISTANT WORK!



HELLO!

NICE TO MEET YOU! I'M Yuki Okada.

In the next electrifying volume of

GETBACKERS

The GetBackers have narrowly escaped one near-deadly warning from those in control of the Divine Design cards, but is that going to scare them off the case? Not hardly! It's off to the card company's headquarters in some (very convincing?) disguises, where Ban meets up with a foe whose style of play proves extremely difficult to counter, and Kazuki finds an old friend who is so thrilled to see him that he's whisked away for some private reacquaintance time! And what's this? Bad news for slash fans, because a bewitching beauty up and steals Ginji's heart!

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**BYAAAH
SCANS**

